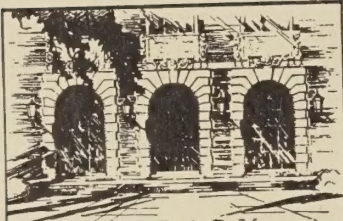


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INTRODUCTION

By PAUL PHILIPPE CRÉT



HIS book is simply an excursion in the Northwest of France, a ramble at the dictate of fancy, unhampered by the zealous services of guide-books, and unspoiled by the timid difference of the tourist to only that which is catalogued, and officially worthy of notice. It gives the impression of leisurely wanderings, pursued without haste or definite plan, and leading to those unanticipated discoveries—so full of charm to all who love the old towns—of intimate beauties still virgin, still naive, ignorant and innocent of the fame that the postal card confers. ¶ The sun on a white wall, cutting the shade of a branch, an iron impost over a doorway, a window with small greenish panes, before which glows the red of a geranium—everything is an excuse for stopping.

The lane turns and seems to trail its houses, disjointing a little more their lintels and their framework. All the surfaces seem to blend, one into another; the pavements, the walls, the gates and the roofs are giving away under the weight of years, as though melting in a single mass. ¶ Then, one is in the fields, where the farmhouses,



Country House—Normandy
Photograph by Richard Phillip

isolated, have been sleeping for centuries, unchanging and knowing only the order of the seasons. What is it that so

charms us in these encounters? Is it the art of humble builders, whose names are lost forever? Is it merely the pleasure of finding in simple, unaffected forms, a reminiscence of the greater works that have been classics? Or is it solely the trace of time, unsparing to men, but giving to inanimate things a new value? The warped steps, the patina over the stones, the moss on the tiles—assuredly in these lie the secret of a gentle magic that had not come into being when the raw scaffoldings were first pulled down. No doubt it is the blending of all these things that makes the sorcery of old houses; but in analyzing our pleasure, we cannot overlook the power which architecture itself possesses in the highest degree, of evoking the past with its dim ghosts, its obsolete costumes, its outworn



Gate and Garden Wall—Normandy
Photograph by Richard Phillip



Court of Small Chateau—Normandy
Photograph by Richard Phillip

customs—giving to us something of the nameless gratification that we seek in the theatres, where for a little while we may escape the limitation of our own world and our own time. ¶ It is usually only the masterpieces of architecture

that are found worthy of depiction and study. But, in considering with the eyes of an architect these pictures of minor



Small Chateau—Normandy
Photograph by Richard Phillip

works, one is refreshed by the simplicity that achieves beauty through economy, and bears out the old principle of composition: "all that is useless is harmful." ¶ The styles which were in favor successively from

the middle ages to the nineteenth century are found here in their simplest expression, which at the same time loses none of the qualities that we admire in more ambitious works. The task, however, of ascribing precise dates to these unpretentious structures is far less easy than in the case of those of more elaborate design. In its elementary form the abode of man varies little from century to century, and many of these workman's cottages have remained almost unchanged in aspect from the Gallic-Roman period to our own times. On the other hand, most of the buildings of the provinces exhibit the purely local methods of construction, which can be easily discovered, and which give to this humble architecture the colorful character that one finds in countries where national or provincial costumes are still in evidence. ¶ Even if some of the works reproduced here



Farm Building—Touraine
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Small Chateau—Normandy
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should have no other merit than is given to them by their age, would we have the right to disdain them? How many of our buildings will be able to support the weight of centuries? Our roofs, instead of changing in

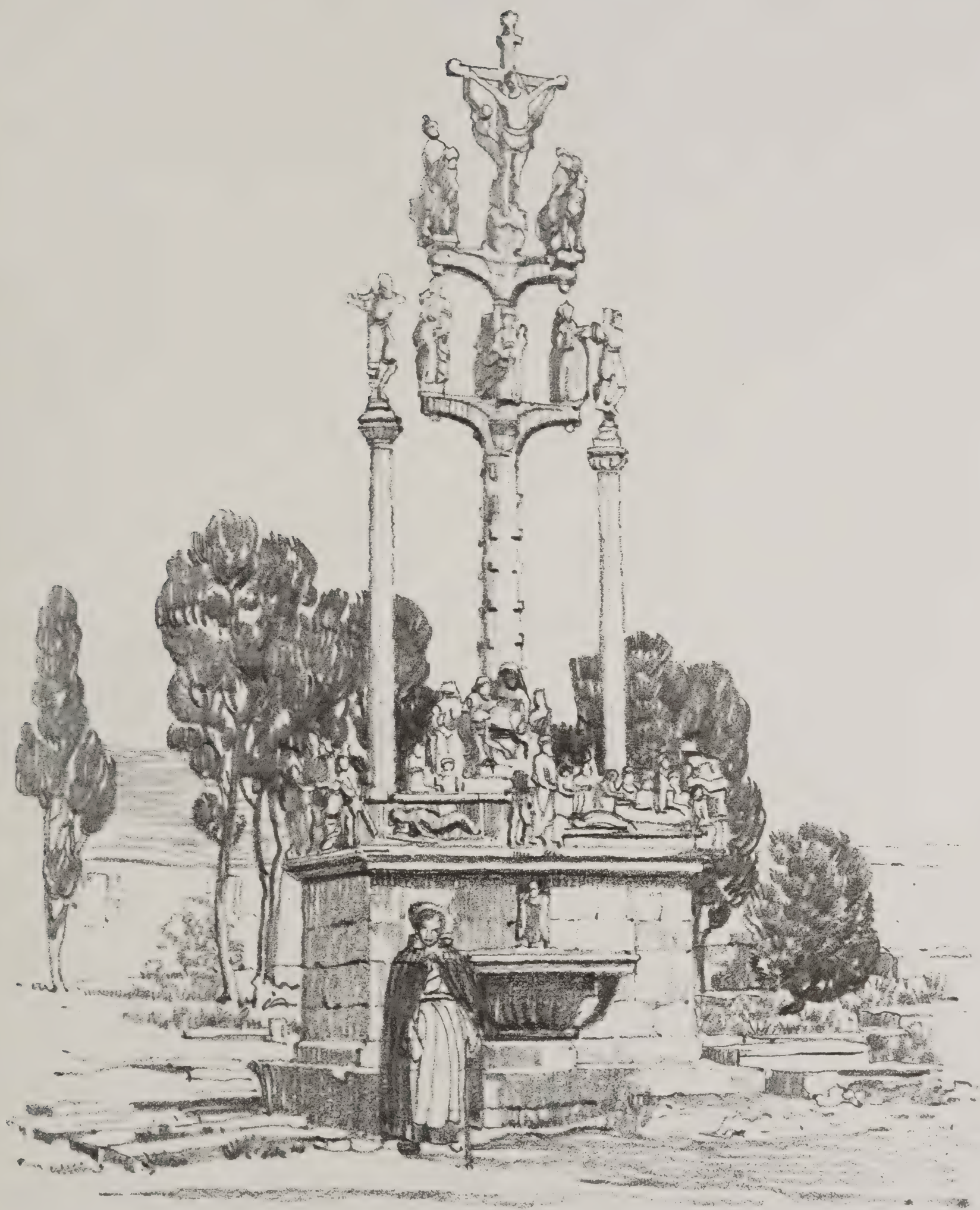
time their straight lines for subtle curves can only rot or fall to pieces with the rusting of nails that give them nearly all their strength; our walls, too thin, cannot endure as the sturdy walls of Bayeux or of Vitre have endured under the slow pressure of time. Of the thousands of country houses built each year, how many will be standing at the end of two or three more centuries to show to distant generations how we lived today? The admirers of our “high degree of civilization” reply to this that it is not important that a house should last; for even at the end of thirty years it has become so old-fashioned that nobody cares to live in it. But this argument, unanswerable perhaps, in the opinion of realtors, unhappily has no value from the æsthetic point of view. ¶ If houses with walls constructed of paper, three planks and a thin coat of “mission style” plaster can survive long enough for the dealers in “artistic homes” [every modern comfort] to sell them at an honest profit—sometimes even long enough for the purchaser to resell them when he has made money enough to move to a still more restricted suburb,—it is no

less true that they have never given to anyone the pleasure that the honest old walls of the past have given to us. But all that is an old quarrel, the two parties to which will never be in accord. ¶ This book touches many subjects; the chateaux of families grown powerful by fortune and by arms; manor-houses, homes of noble families also, but of that immense number of the petty nobility who lived far from the towns, and none too well on the incomes from their small estates—indeed, few farmers of our days would be content with the three or four rooms which constituted the dwellings of these rustic gentlefolk. The other buildings are barns and stables and haylofts, surrounded by walls to insure a relative security. Then there are the town houses, where, as a rule, the first floor was occupied by a store while the family inhabited the upper stories; and some churches, also, often transformed into haylofts, when the convents



Small Chateau — Normandy
Photograph by Richard Phillip

of which they formed a part disappeared in the course of political upheavals. ¶ Such is the frame of life in the French provinces, today as in the distant past; and the author, who has assembled his material with the soul of an artist, photographing many of the subjects himself, makes a valuable contribution to a field too little explored—the architecture of the plain people of yesterday. — PAUL PHILIPPE CRÉT



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CALVAIRE DE SAINT TREGONNEC

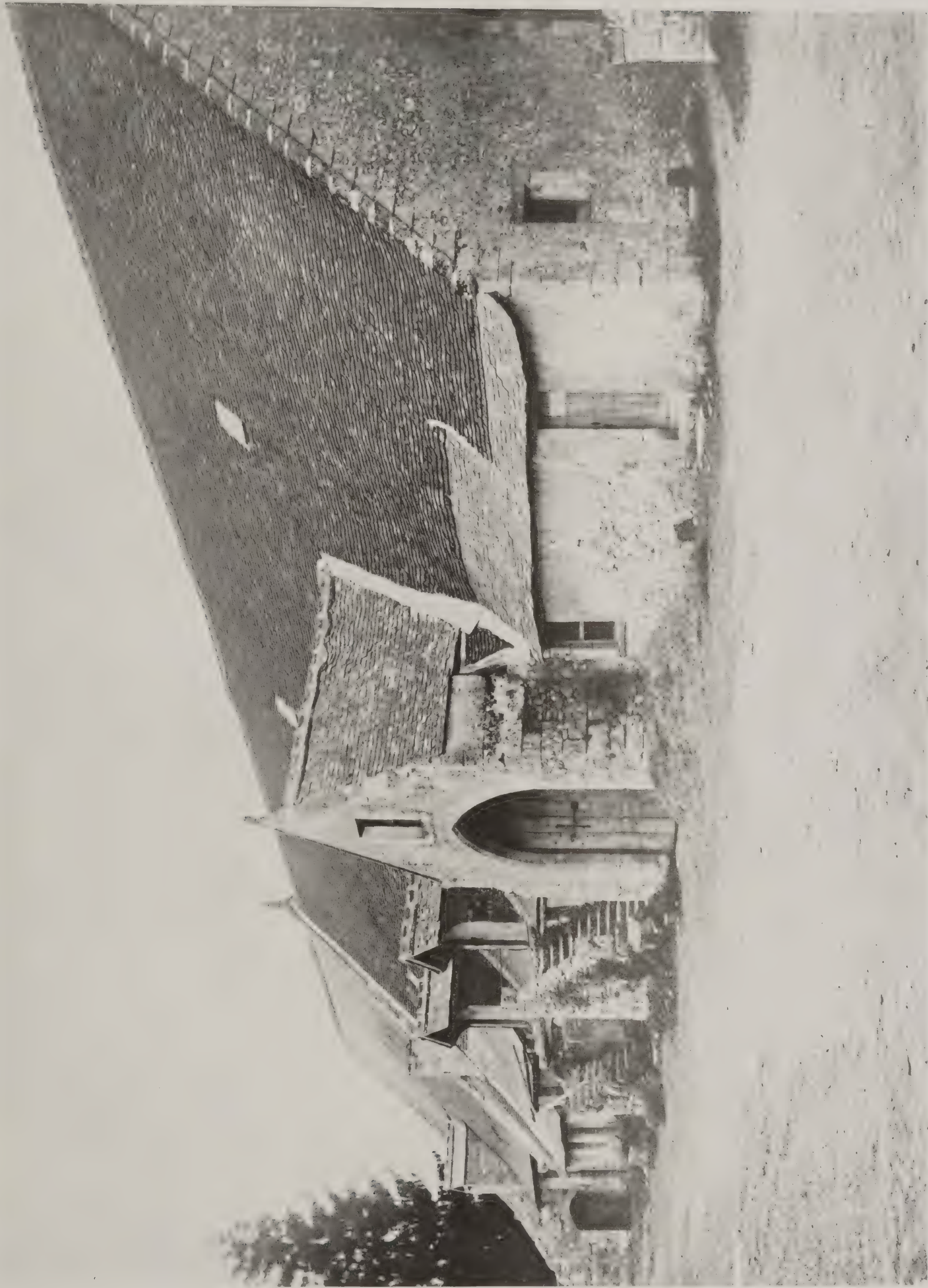


Manoir Querville, near Orbec—Normandy



Farm House, Doudeville—Normandy.

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Farm Building, Cormery—Normandy

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Farm House—near Le Neubourg



Farm House—near Le Neubourg



Farm Buildings—Le Neubourg



Farm House—near Le Neubourg



Farm House near St. Romain—Normandy.

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Street Scene—Bernay



Street Scene in Lisieux—Normandy



Old House—Bernay



Old House, Lisieux—Normandy



House in Louviers



House in Louviers



Street Scene—Bernay



Street Scene—Bernay



Old Houses—Bernay



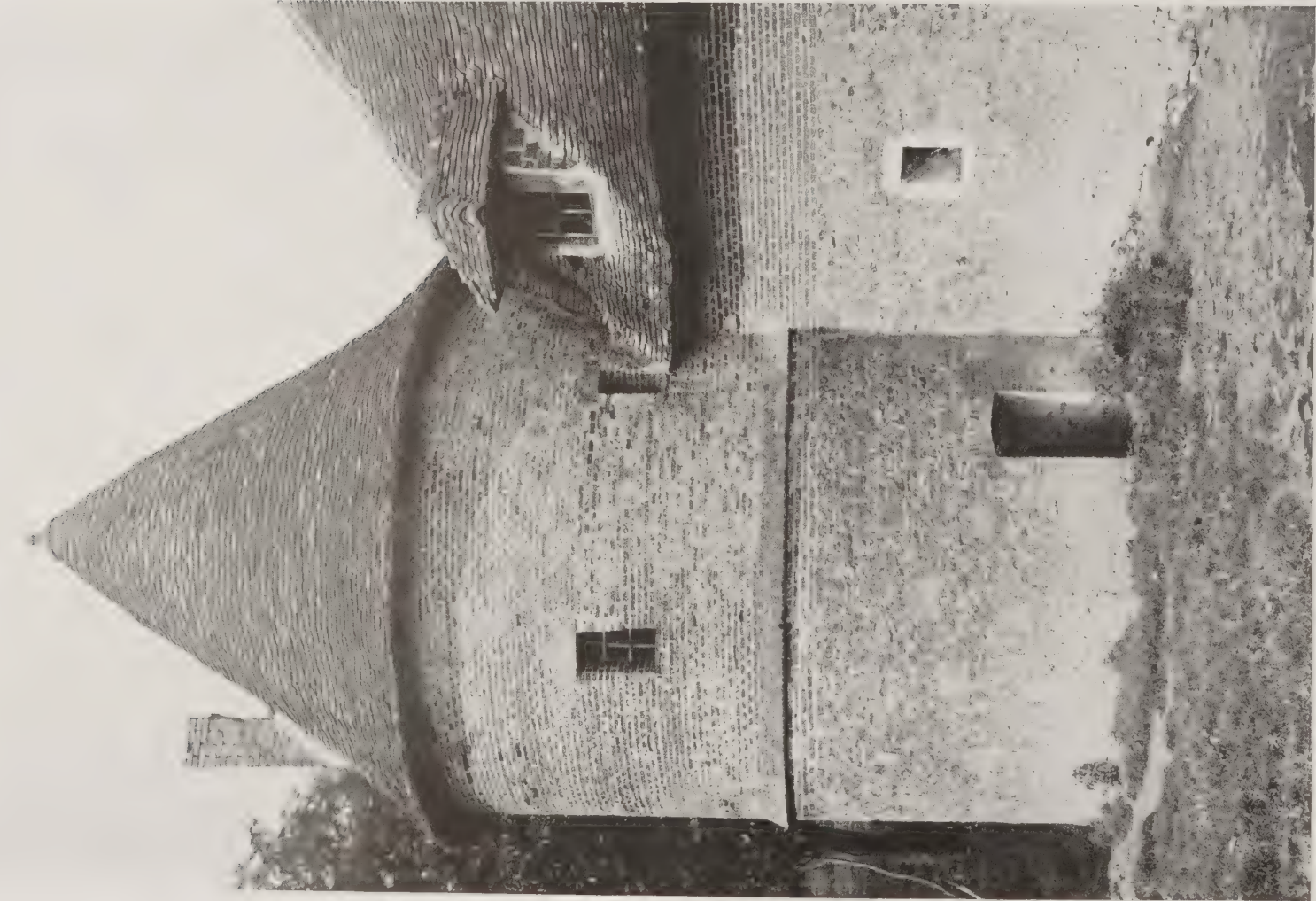
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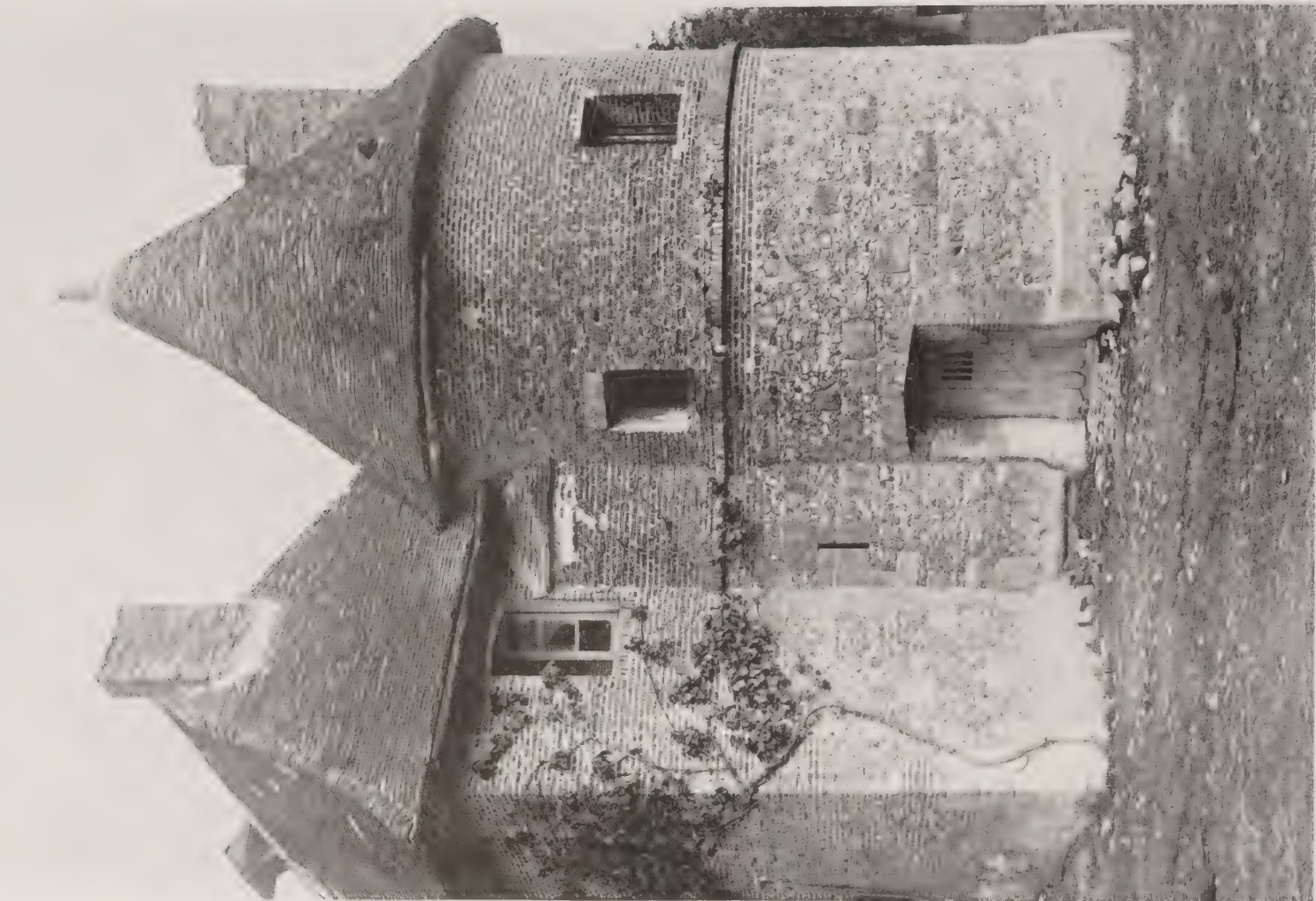


Farm des Turpes, near Neufchatel-en-Bray—Normandy

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Farm des Turpes—near Neufchâtel-en Bray, Normandy.

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Farm des Turpes, near Neufchatel-en-Bray — Normandy



Barn Yard, Neufchatel-en-Bray — Normandy

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Old House — Bernay



House — near Bernay



Street Scene in Le Neubourg



House in Le Neubourg



Small Chateau, St. Contest near Caen—Normandy.

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Chateau Rogue, Eaignard — near Lisieux



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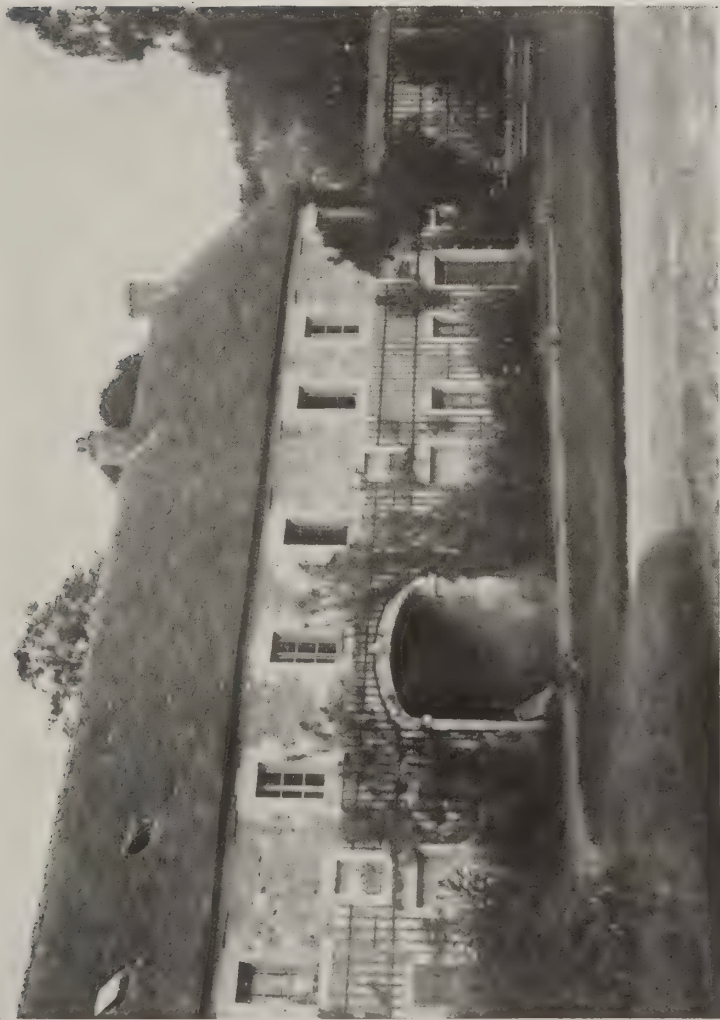
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Chateau Rogue, Eaignard — near Lisieux



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Chateau Conninai — Dinan



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Manoir, Blangy—Normandy

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Doorway in Bayeux



Doorway in Dinan



Entrance to Fort, Caen—Normandy

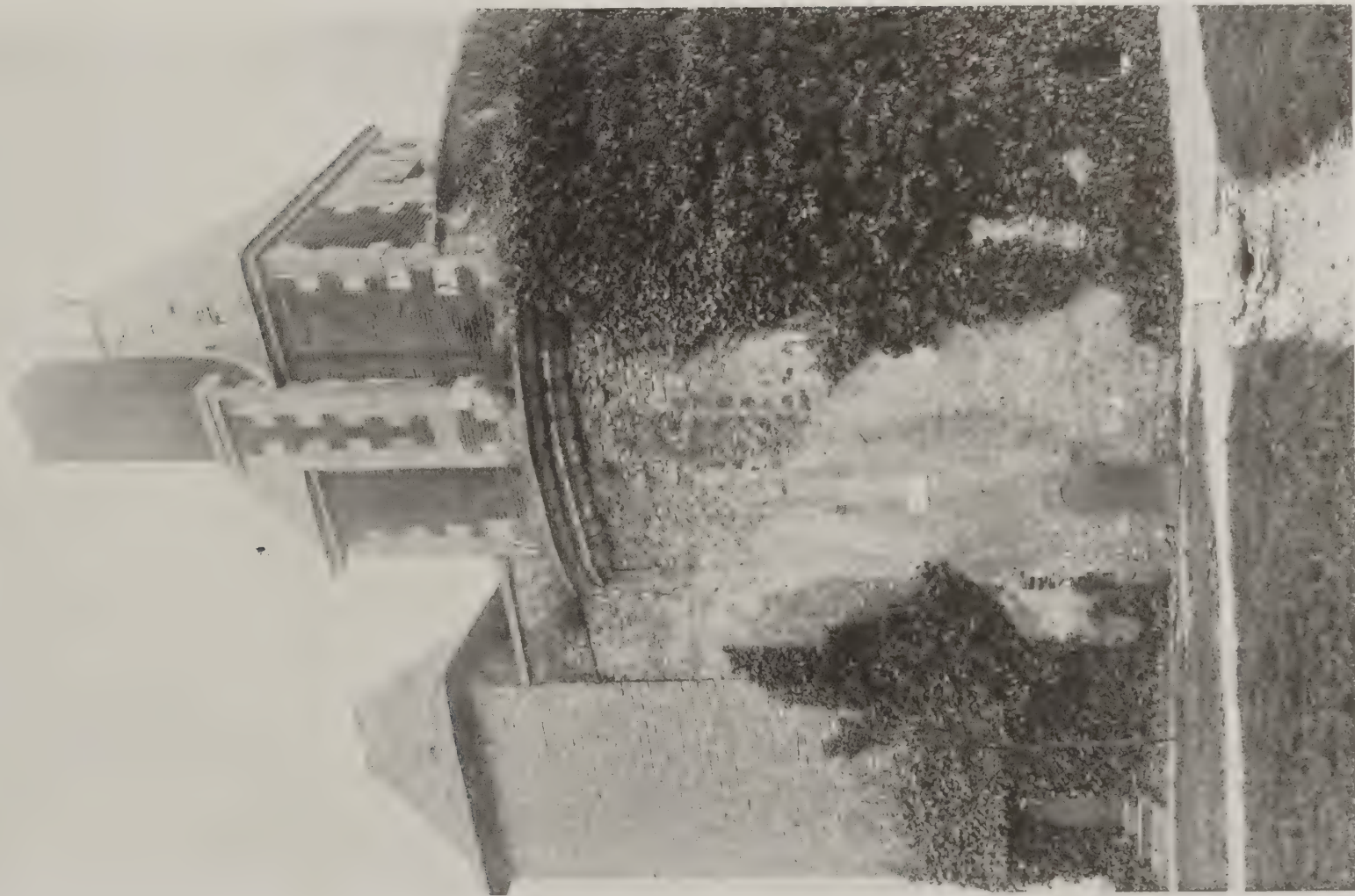


Colombier and Church, Claville—Normandy.

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Manoir, Blangy — Normandy. Photographs by C. D. Arnold



Chateau Blois



Gateway, near Rouen — Normandy



Gateway — Normandy

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Farm House, near Chateau Chaumont

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Thatched Farm House, near Doudeville—Normandy.

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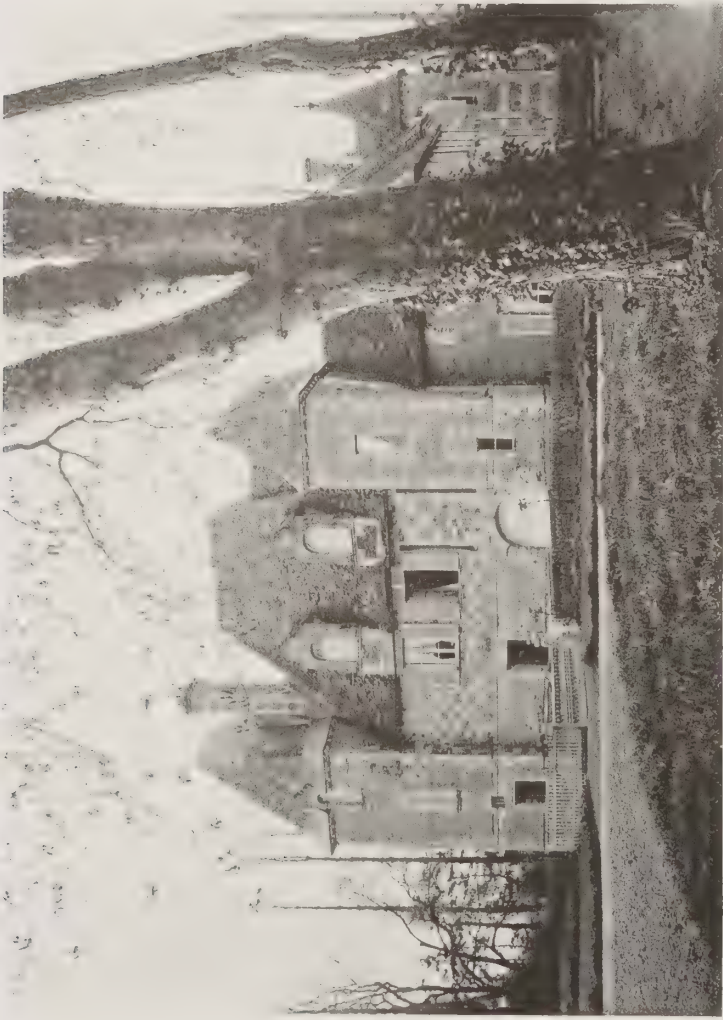
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Chateau Victot — Normandy



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Chateau Mans, near Lisieux — Normandy



Small Chateau — Normandy

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Small Chateau — Normandy



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Chateau Victot — Normandy



Half Timber House — Normandy



Half Timber Cottage, near Lisieux — Normandy
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CHATEAU DOUTRELAISE



Old Houses at Vitre — Brittany

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Chateau—near Avranches



Chateau Fougères, East Entrance



Chateau Fougères



Chateau Fougères



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Farm House, Fry—Normandy



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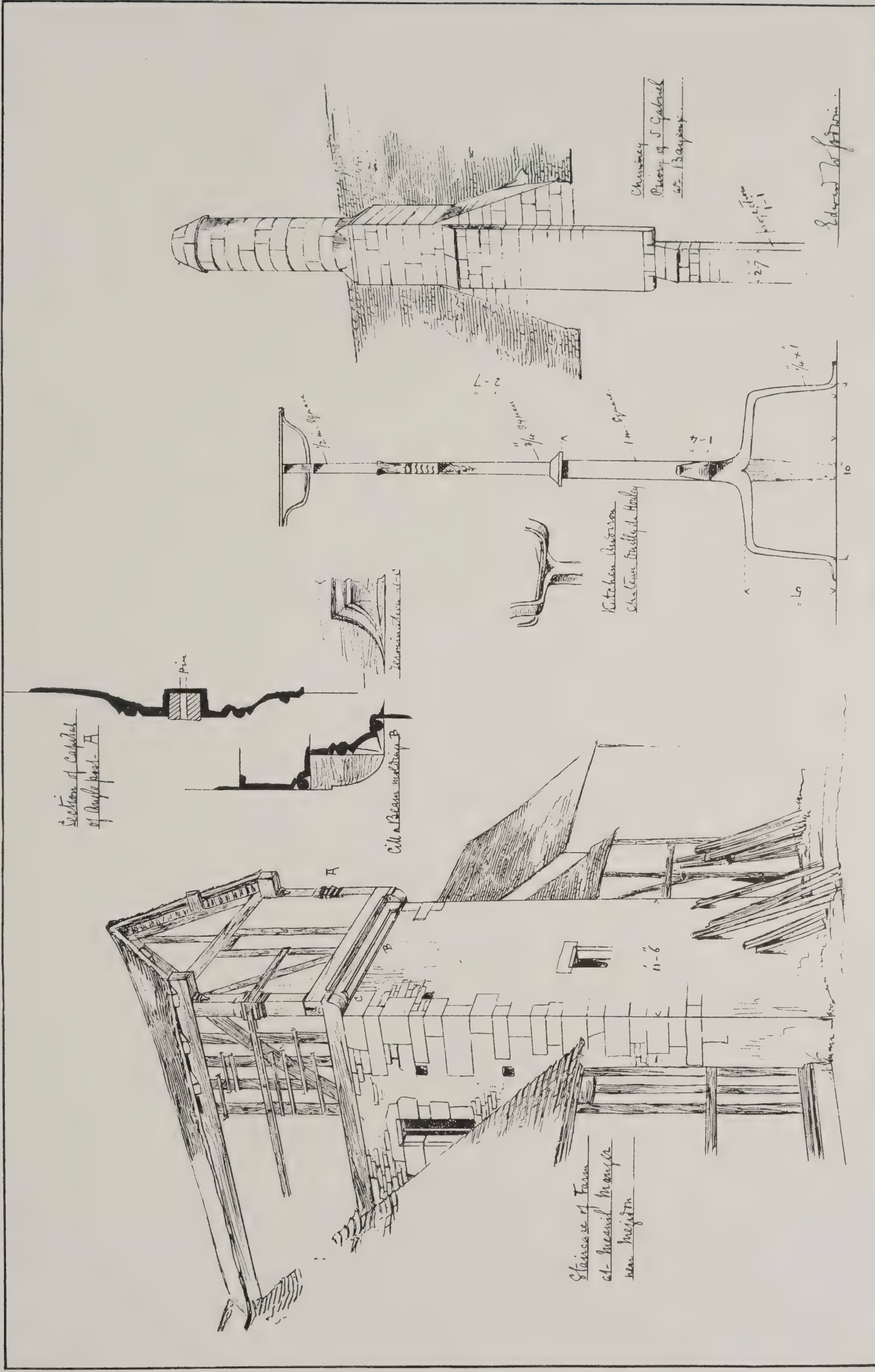
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Old House — Dinan



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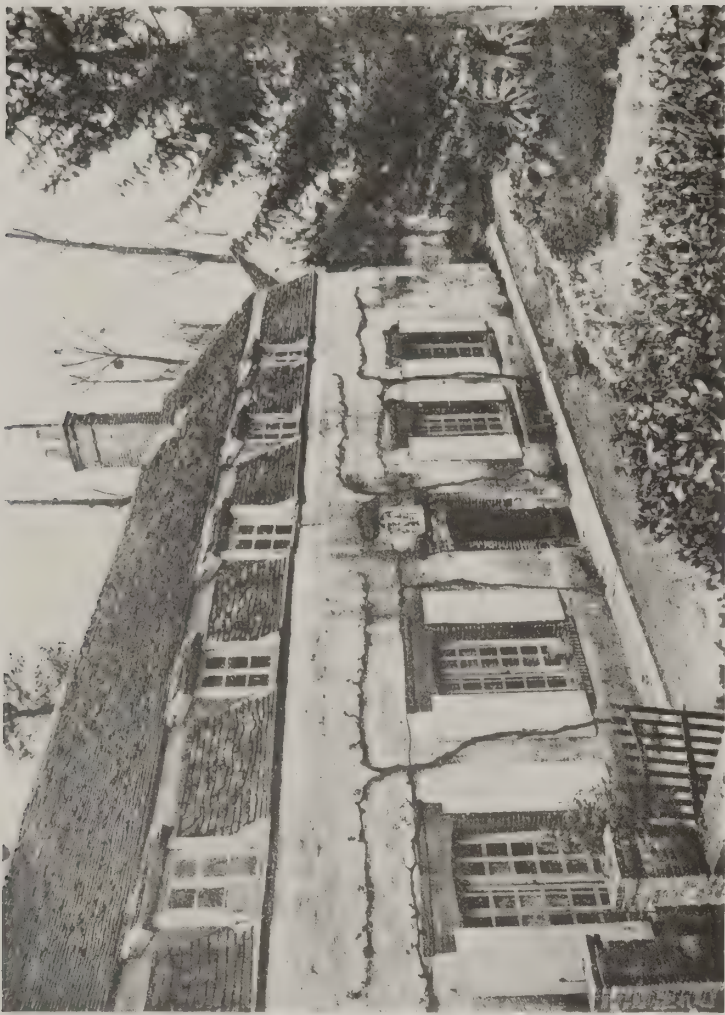


Old House — Dinan



Thatched Farm House, near Bolbec—Normandy

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Ancien Convent Saint-Ursin — Dreux



Farm House near Bernay



Farm House — Acquigny



Manoir Sugneues — Calvados



Mare des Soles, Yvetot—Normandy



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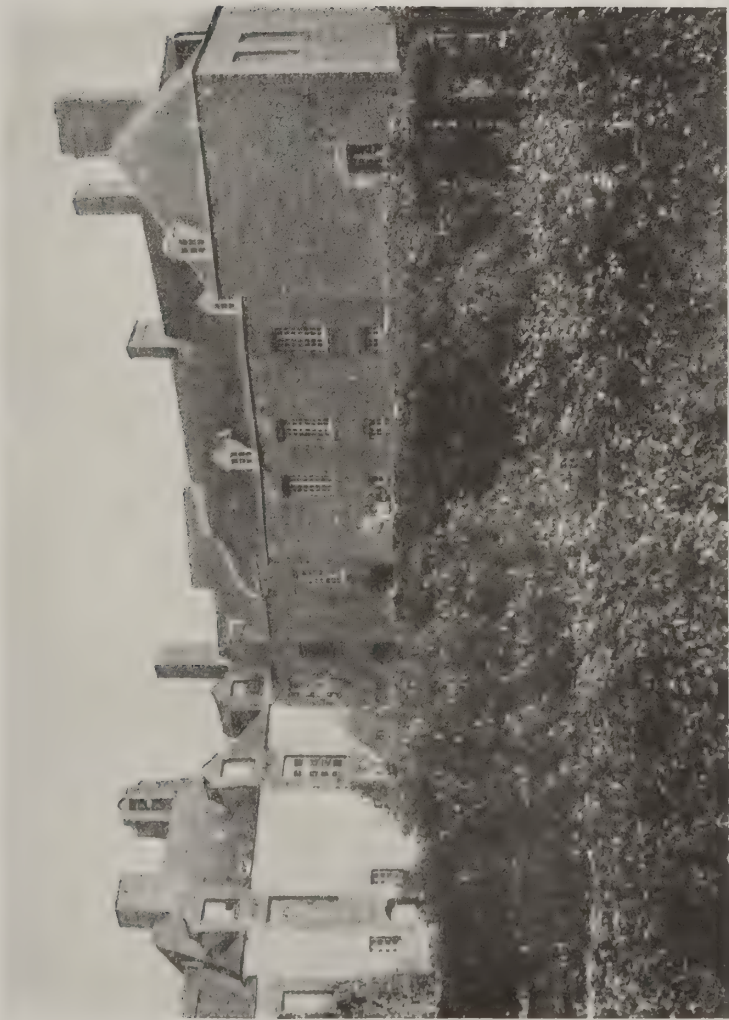
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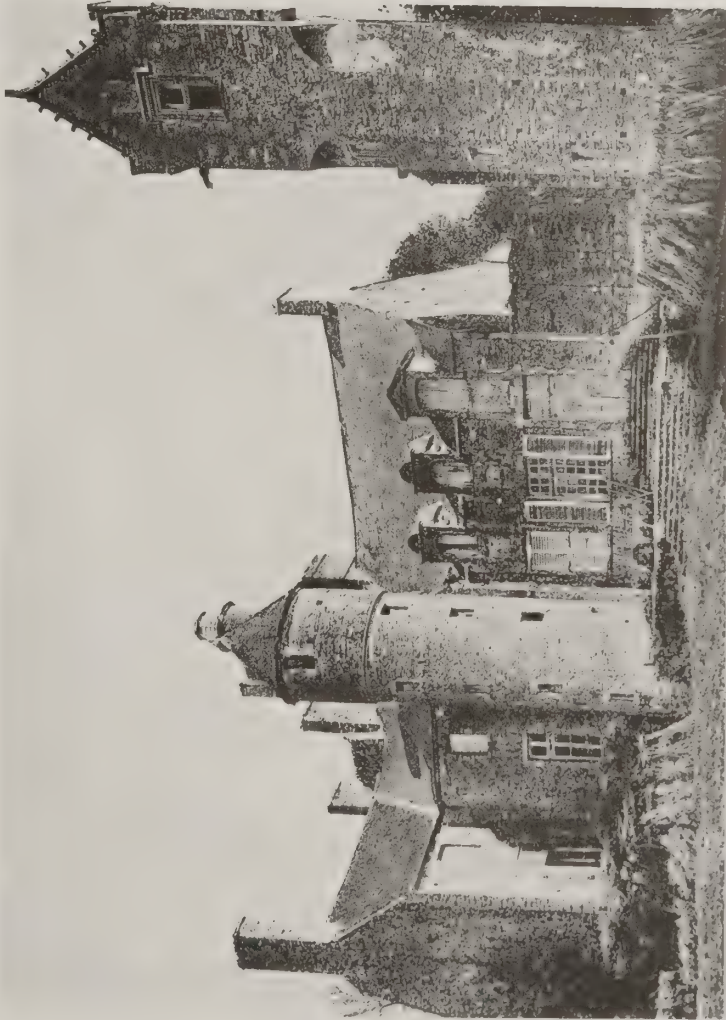
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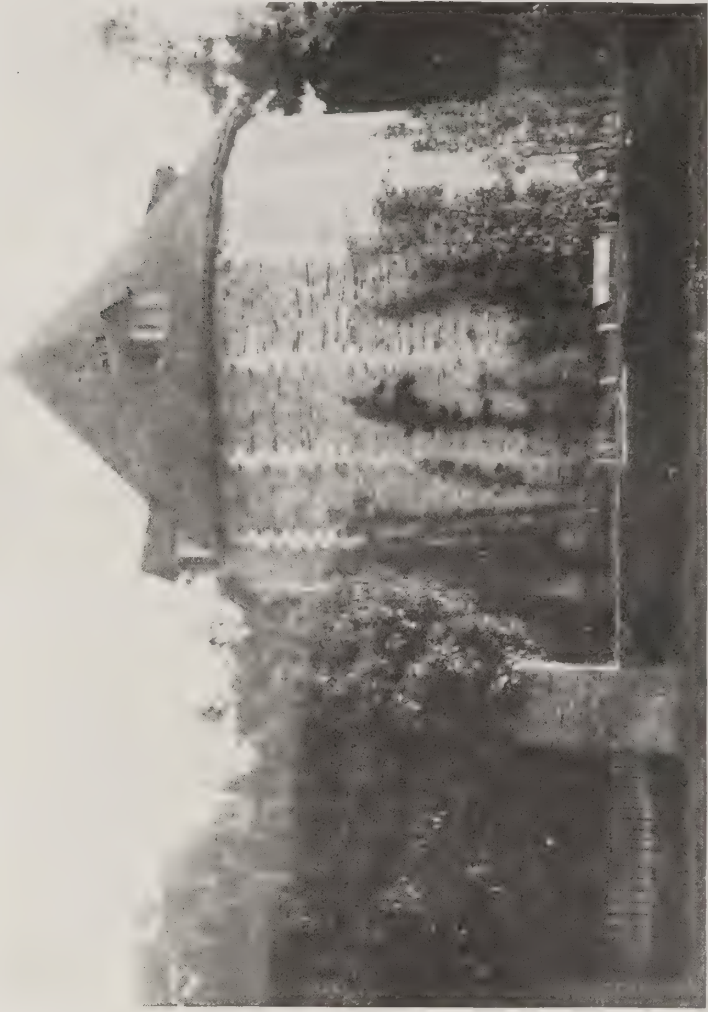
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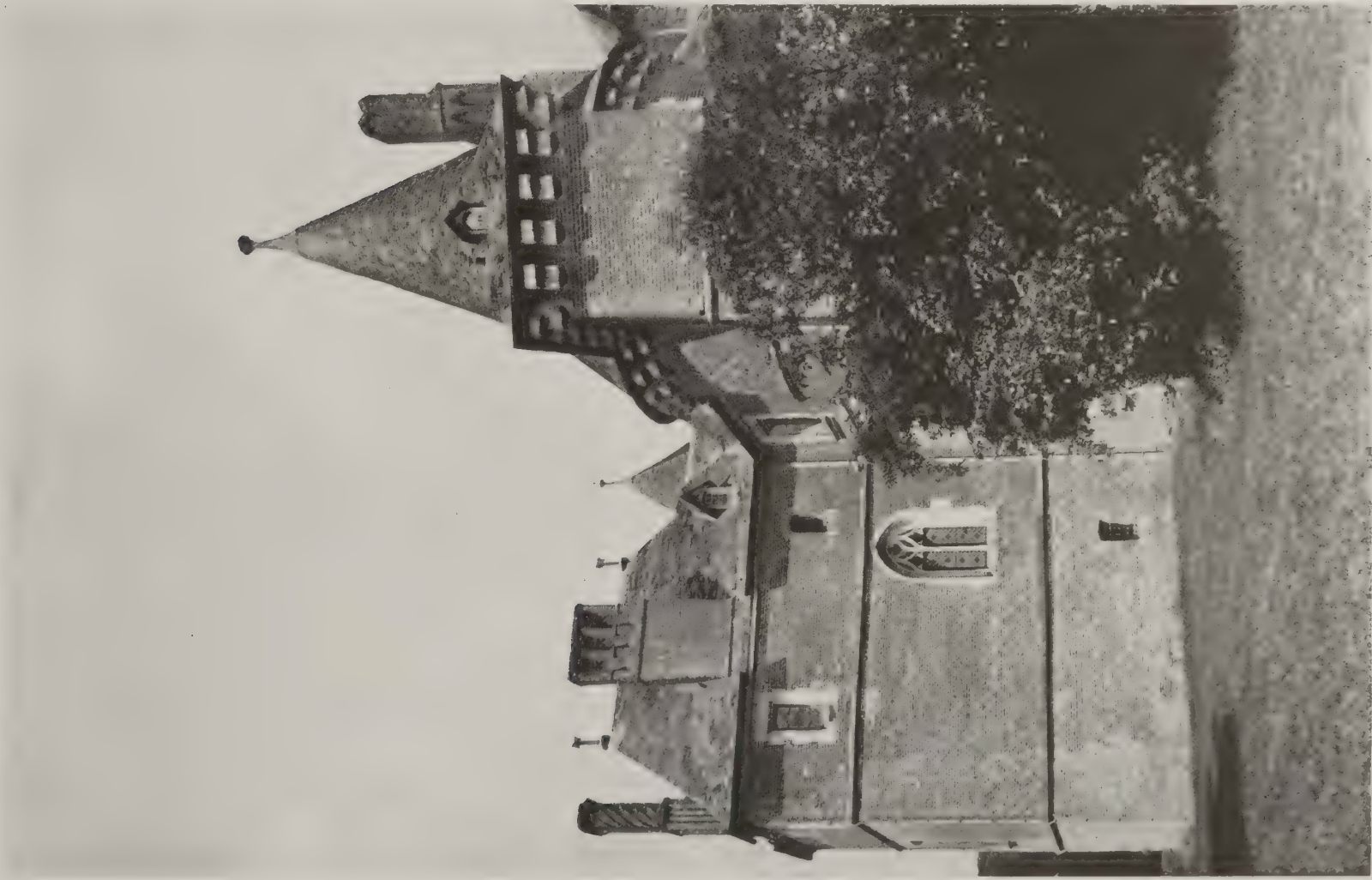


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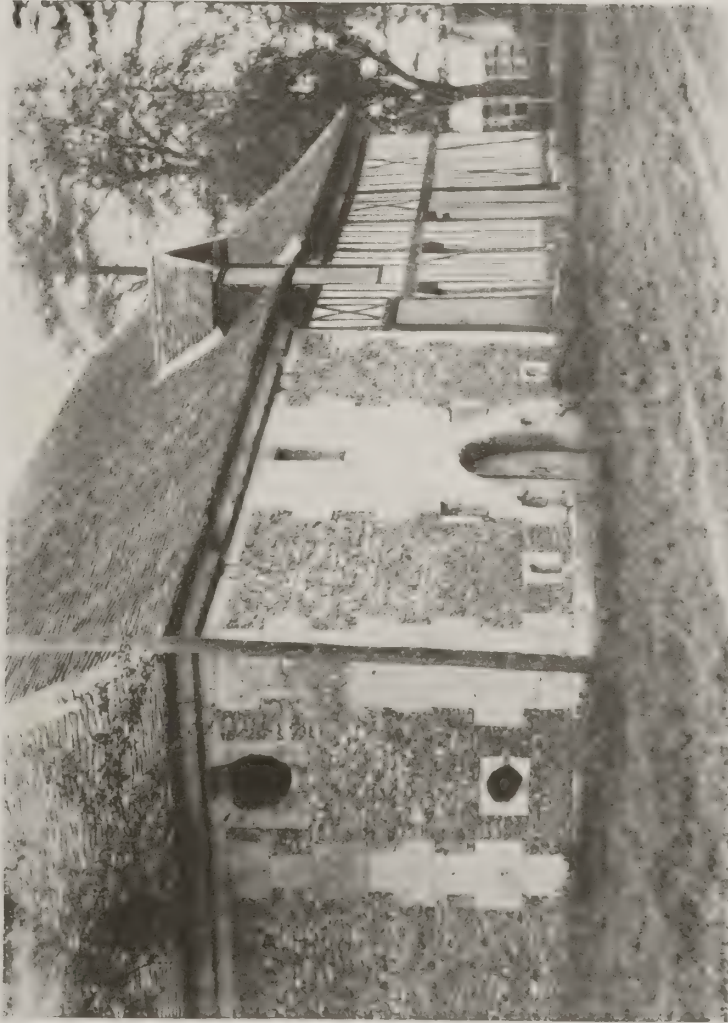
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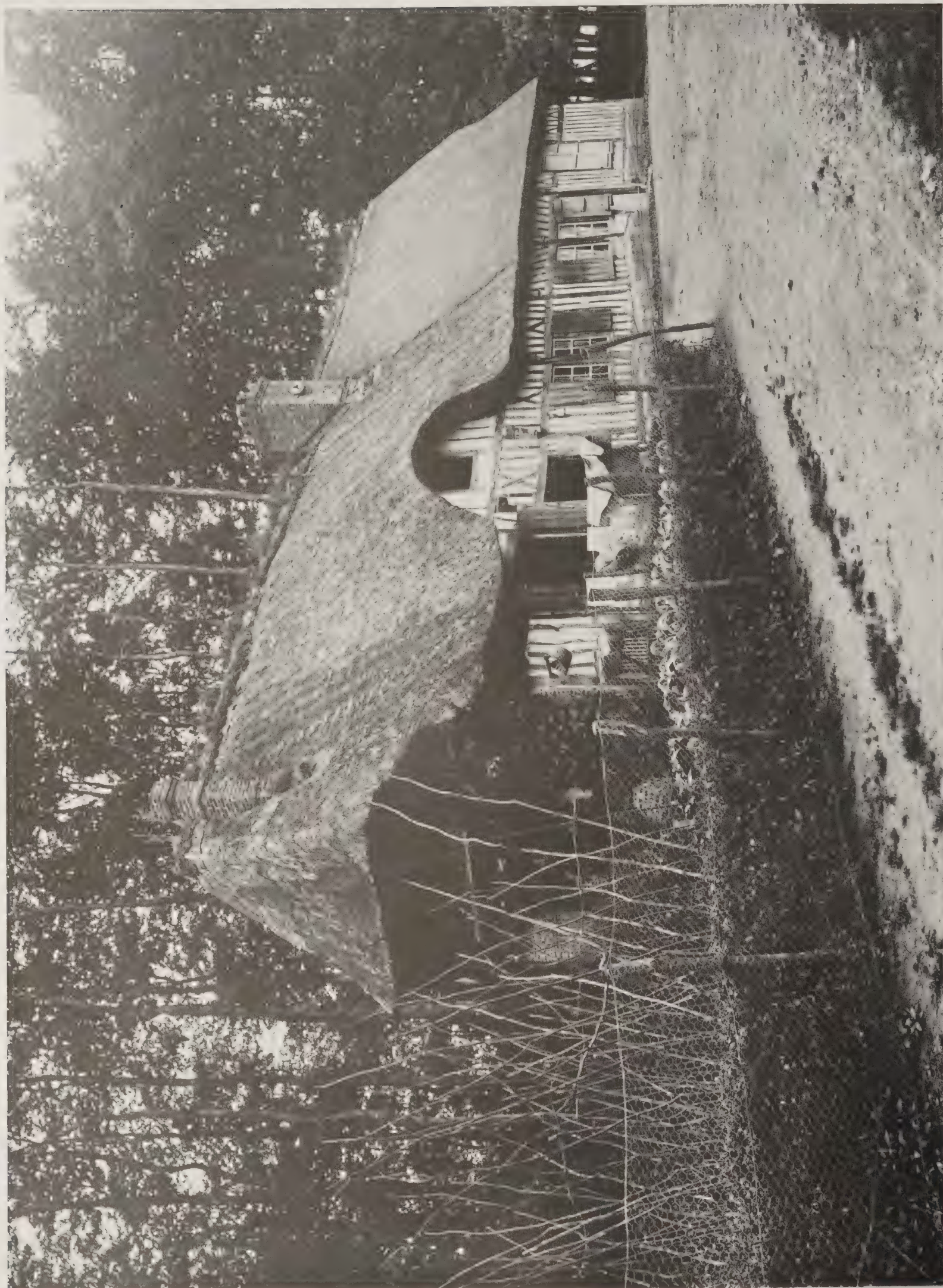


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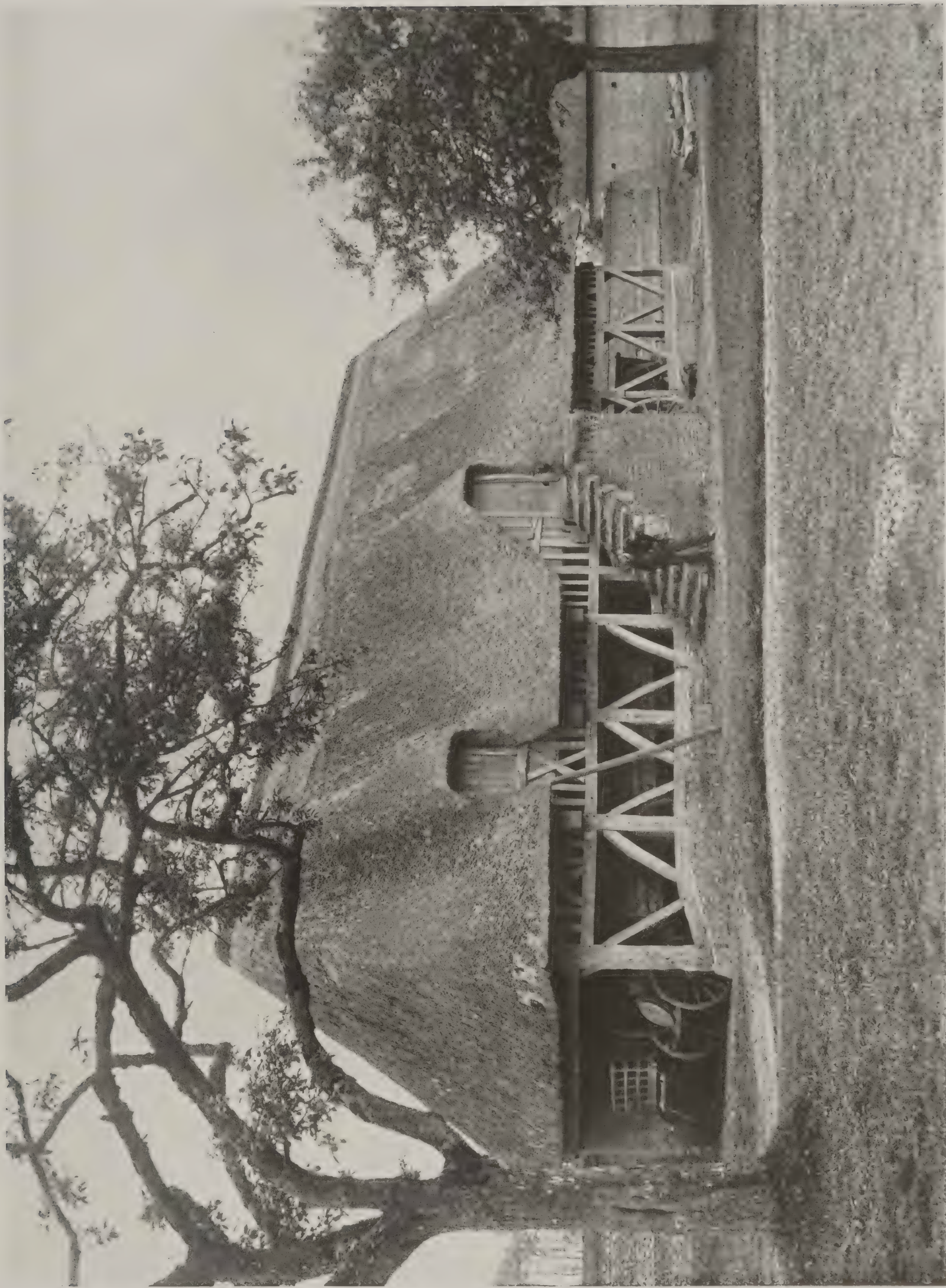
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Chateau Houbloniere, near Lisieux — Normandy



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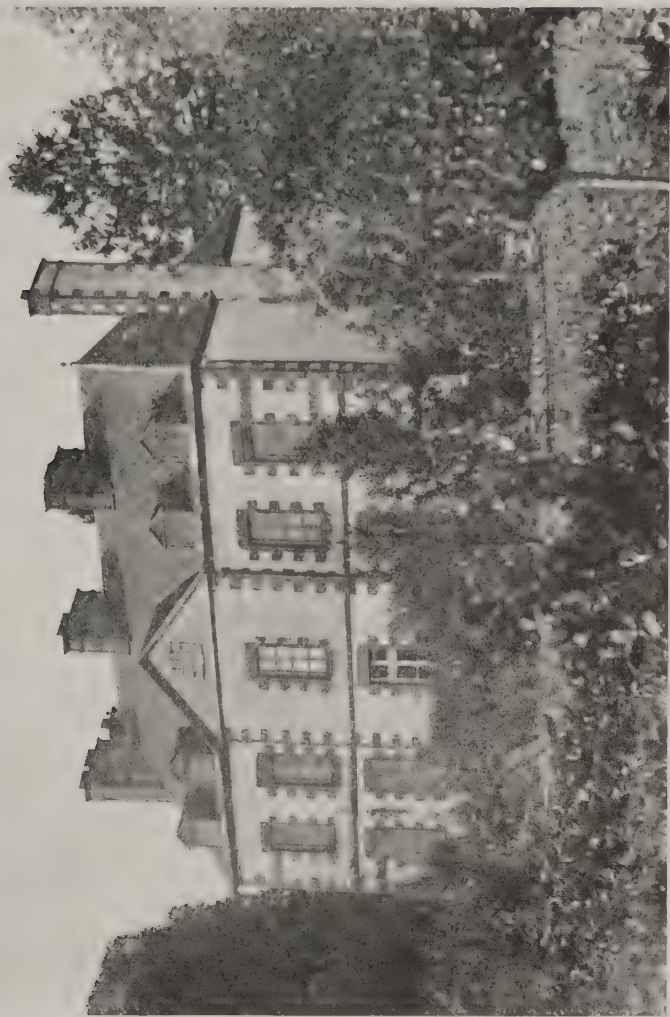
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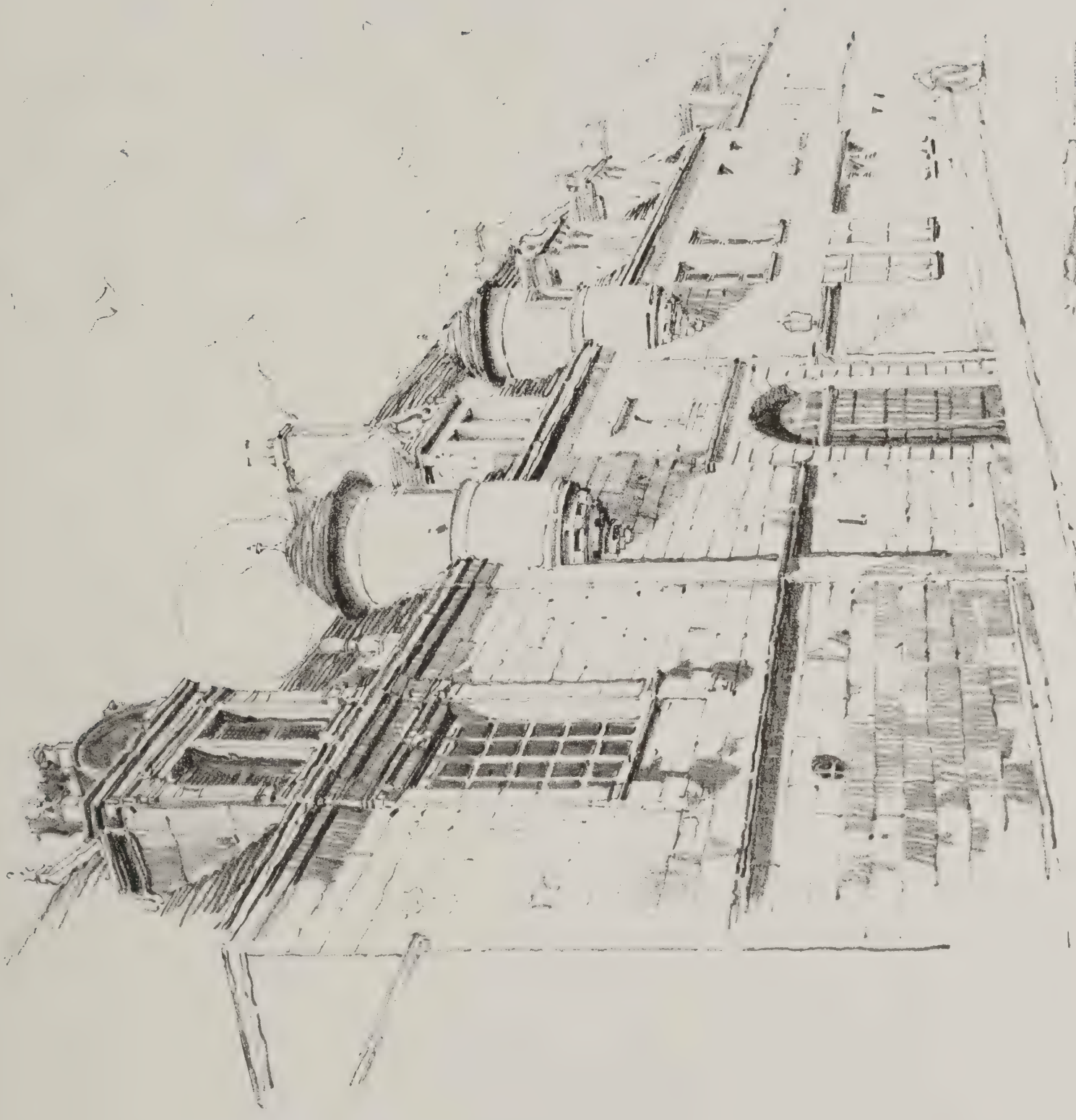
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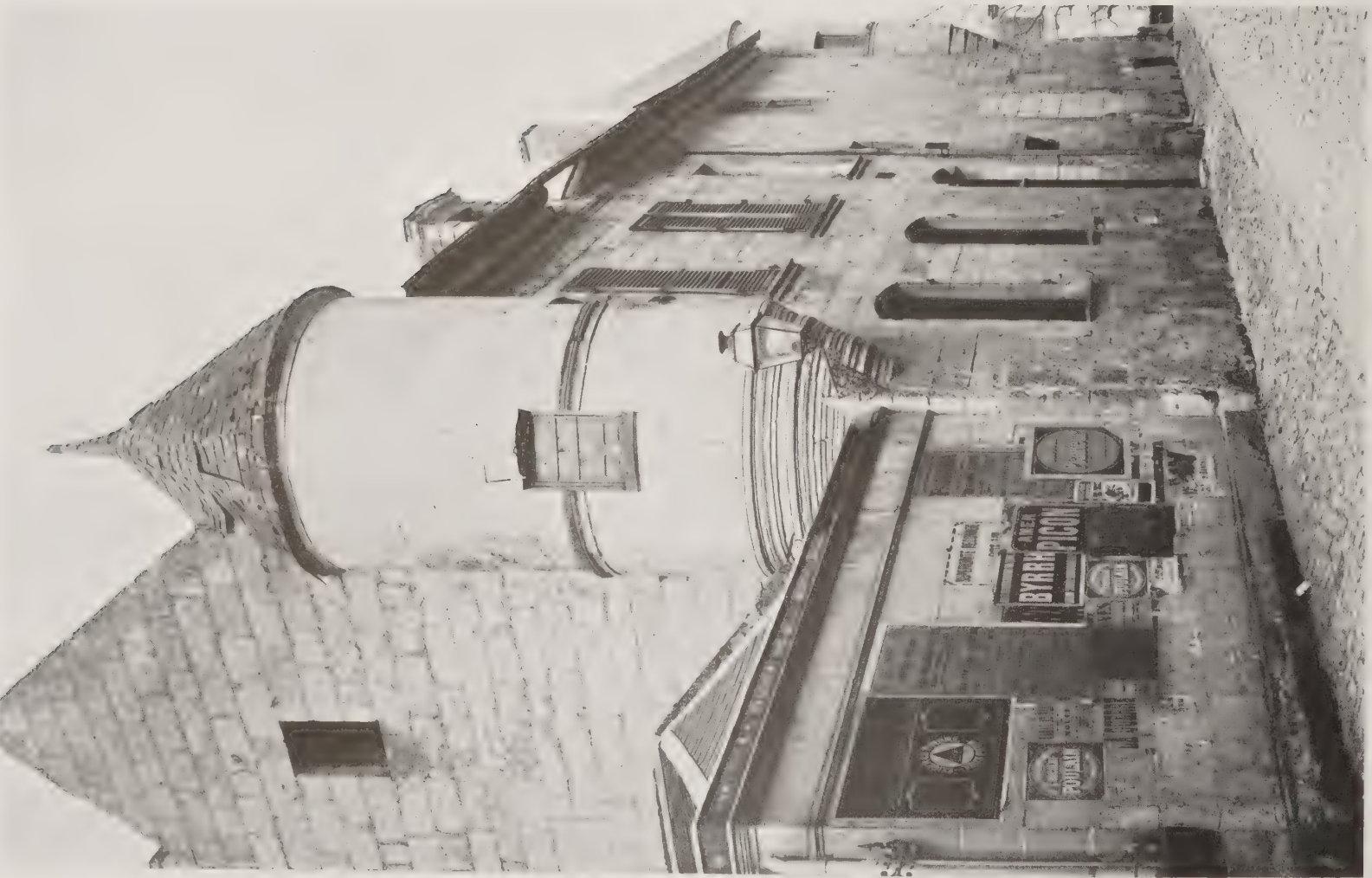
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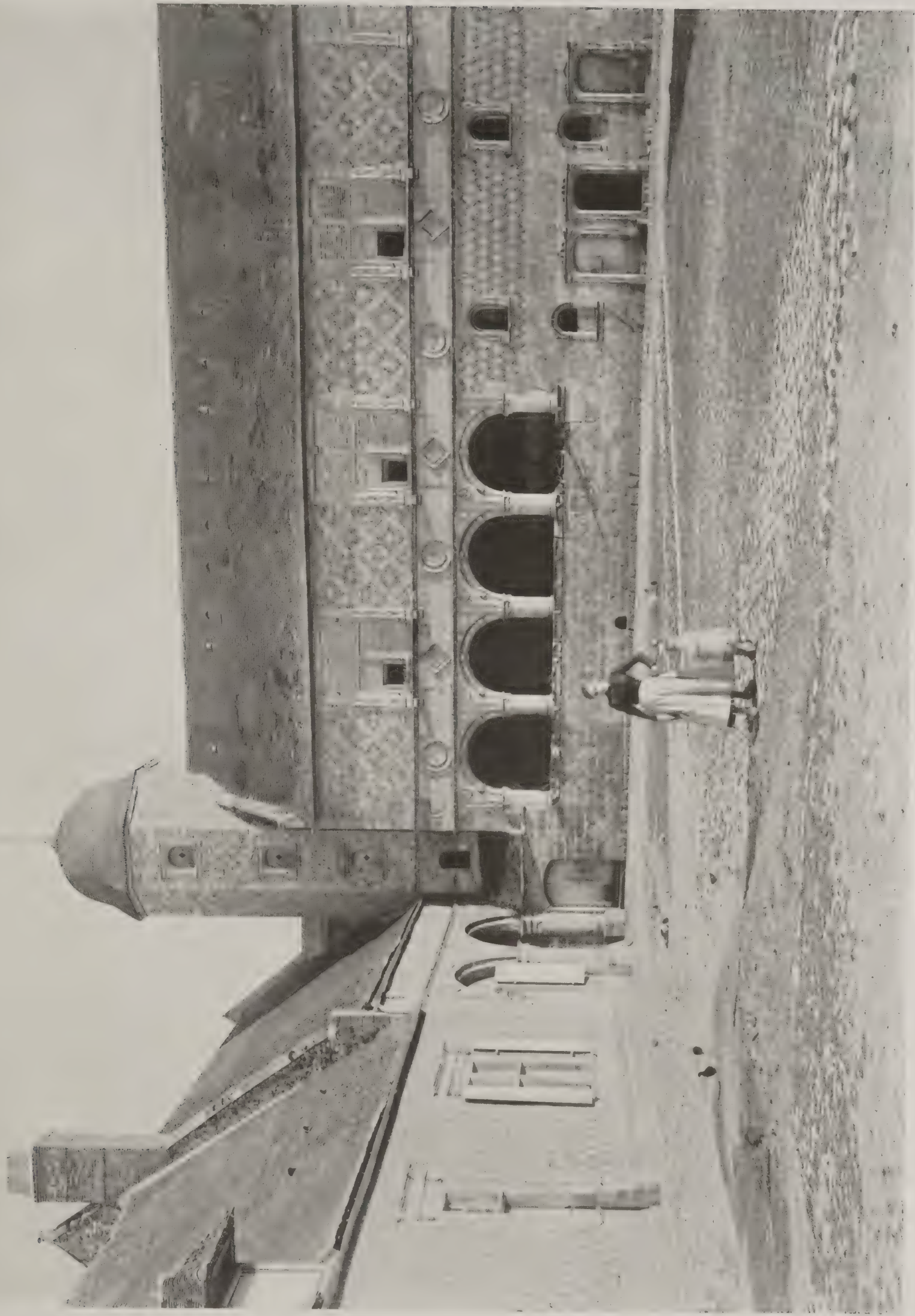


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Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy



Doorway, Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy

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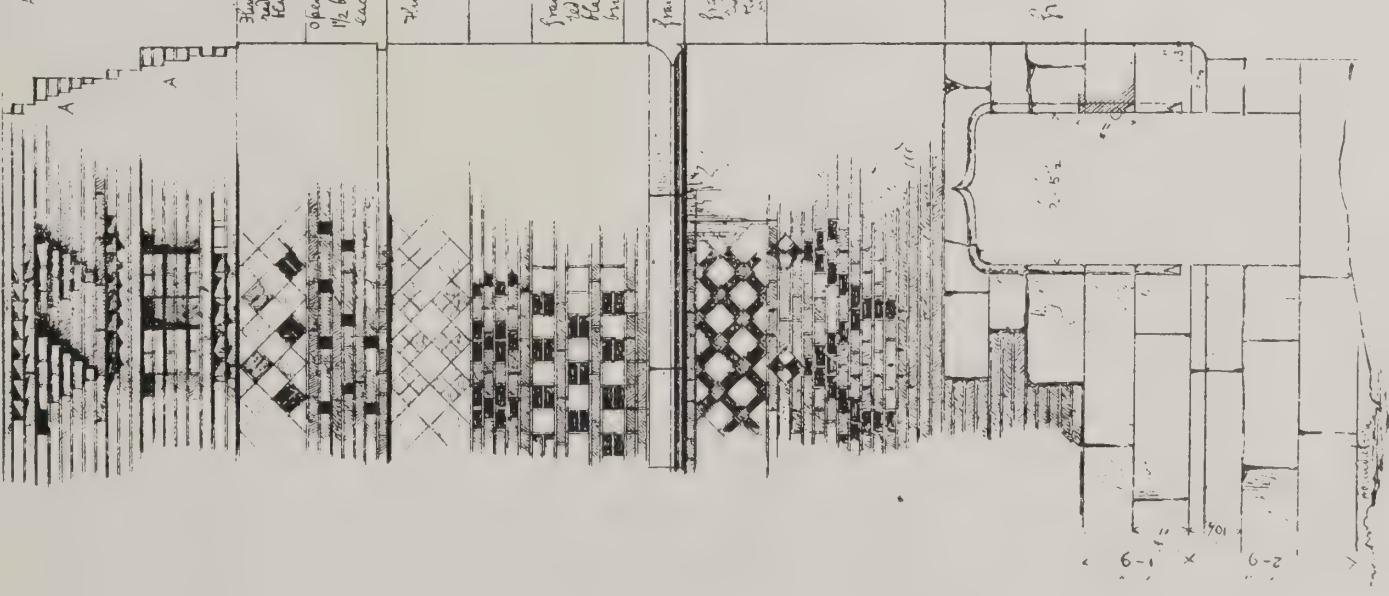
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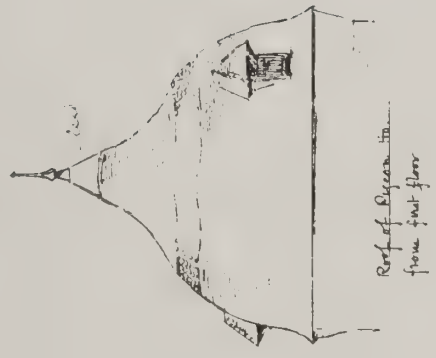
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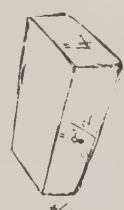
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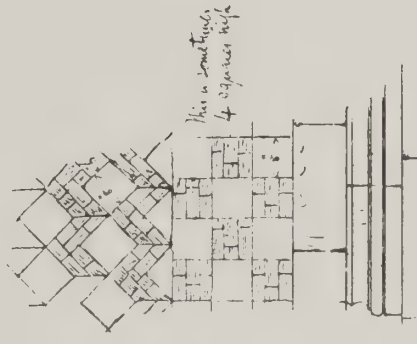


Roof of Pigeon house from front floor

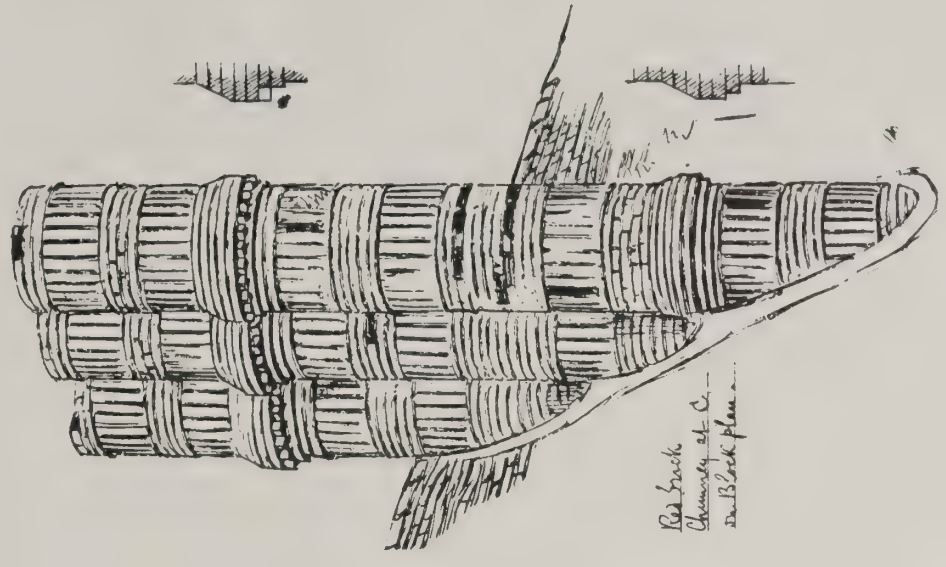


One of the bricks
Measures 8 1/2 by 4 by 3
3 courses of granite to 7 inches

Note. The granite is a basket
stone & has rounded corners
The sides of both houses are
almost pure white to a
dark grey
Circumference above
base 88-9



Base of wall at D.E. of black plan.
Thin & granite (from stone to base) 5 courses high

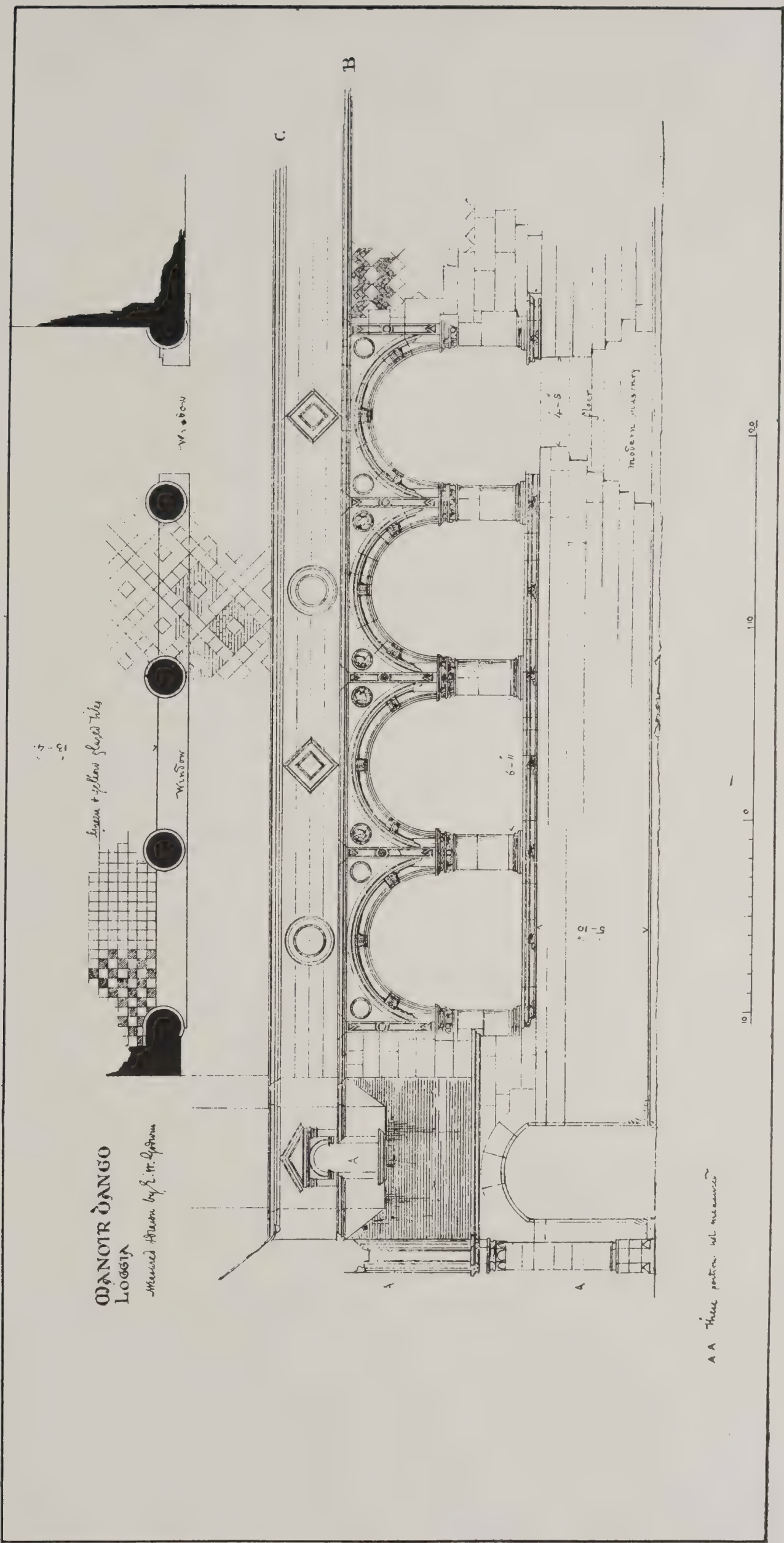


Red brick
Chimney at C.
on Black plan



Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy

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Detail Loggia, Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy



Doorways, Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe — Normandy

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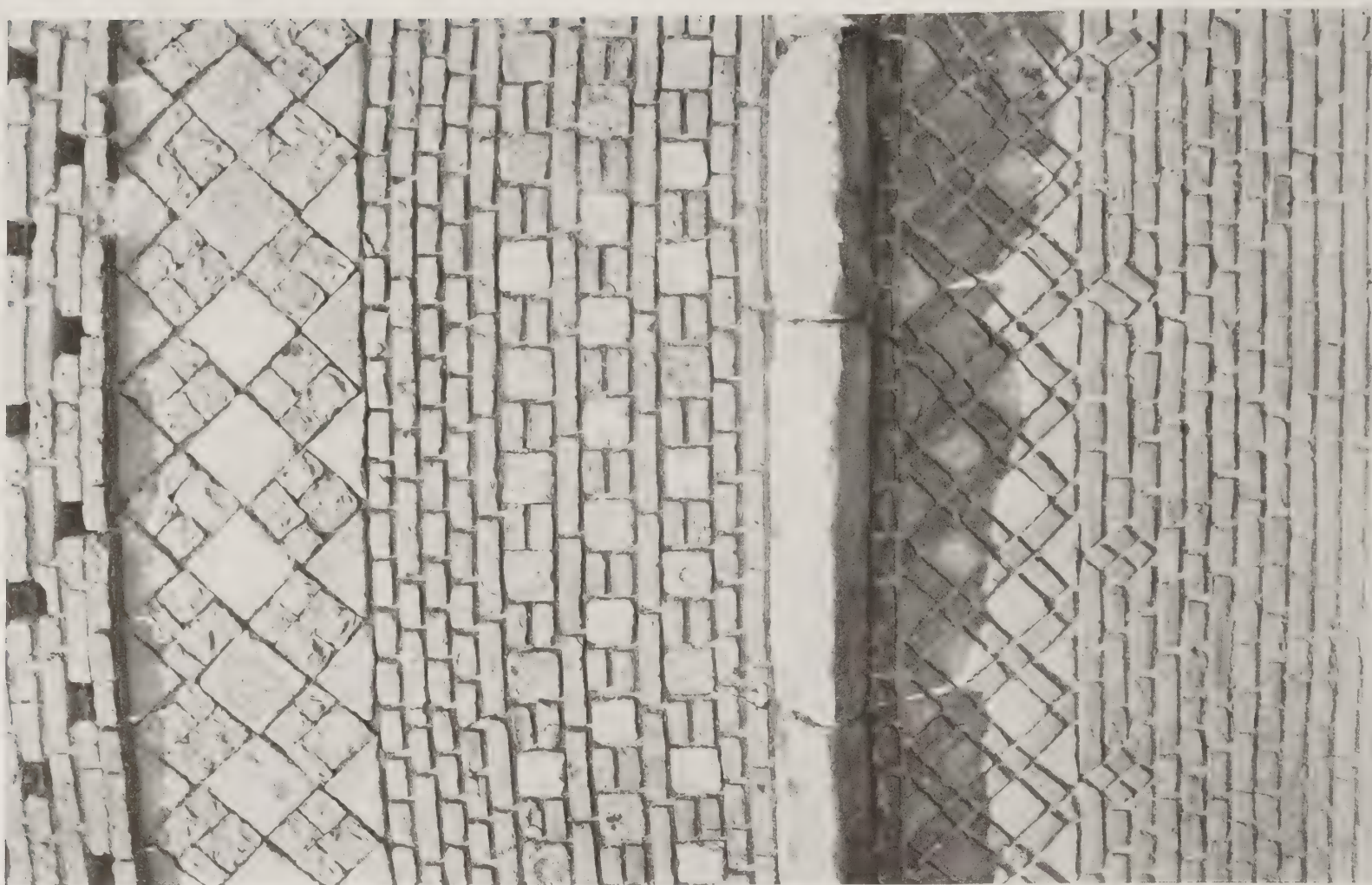


Court, Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy



Detail of Stone and Brick Work, Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy

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Brick Detail Colombier, Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy



Detail of Half Timber, Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy *Photographs by C. D. Arnold*

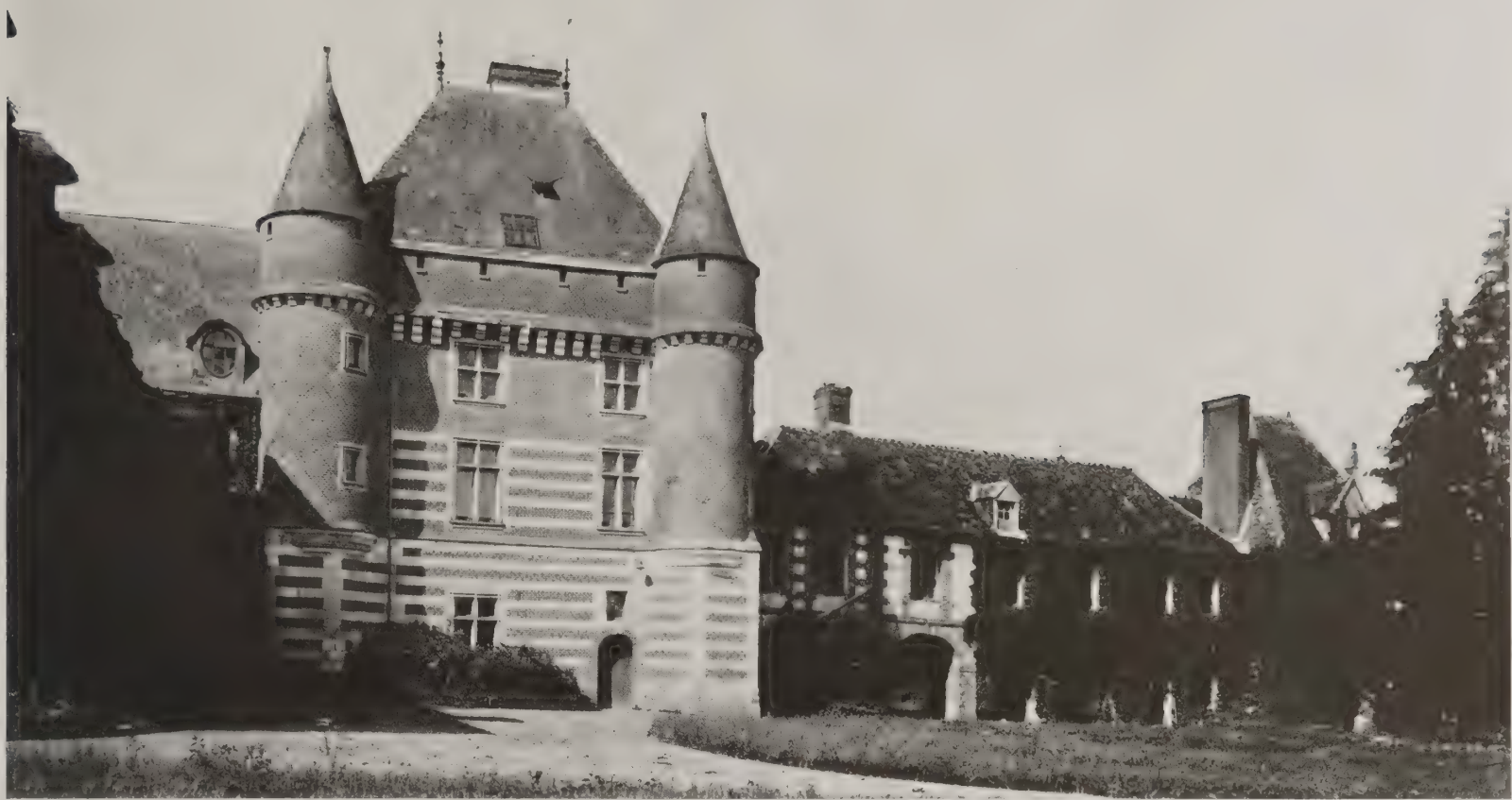


Fireplace, Manoir d'Ango, near Dieppe—Normandy



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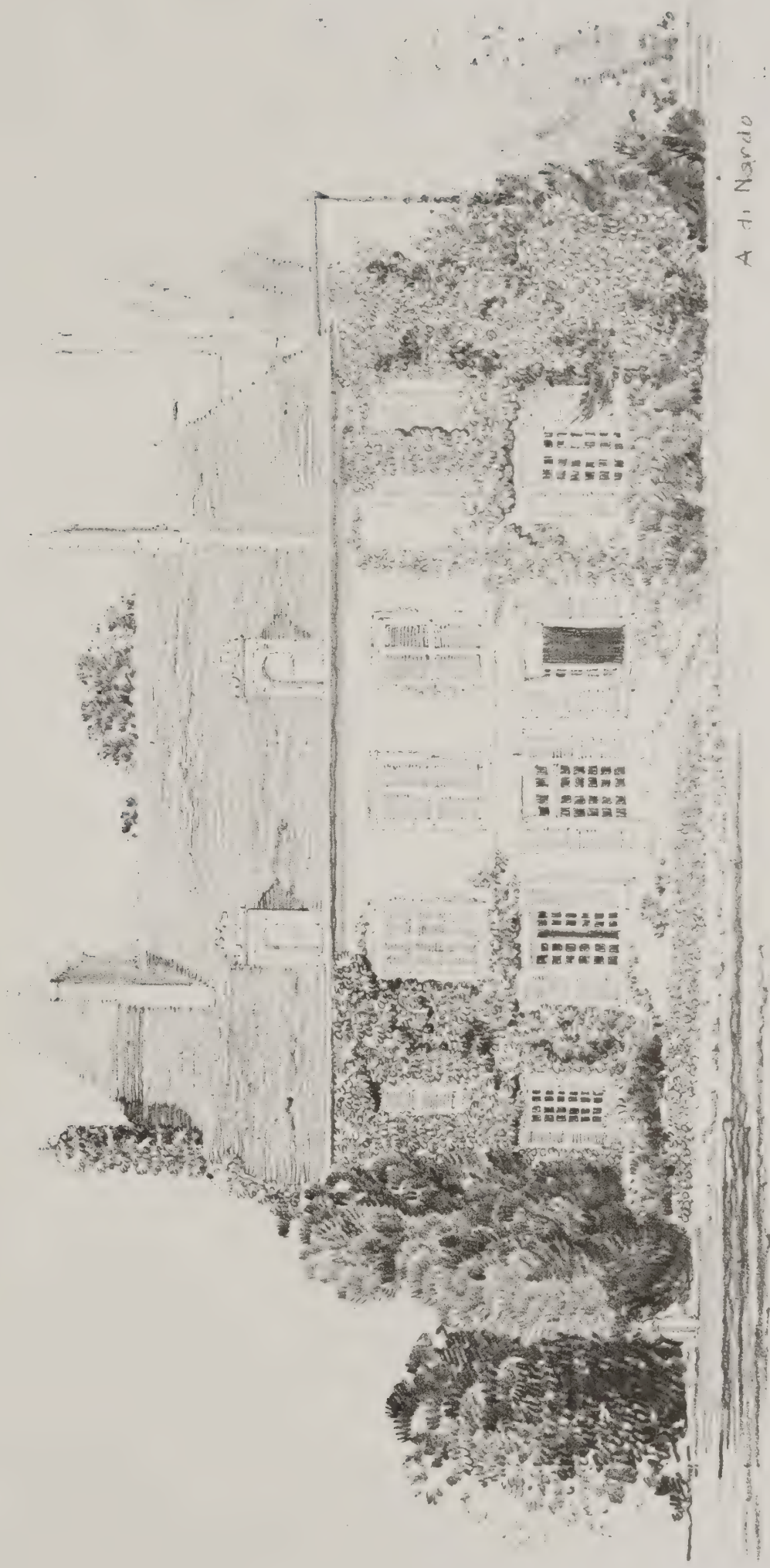


Chateau Argeuil—Normandy



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CHATEAU SOURDIERE — LOIR-ET-CHER



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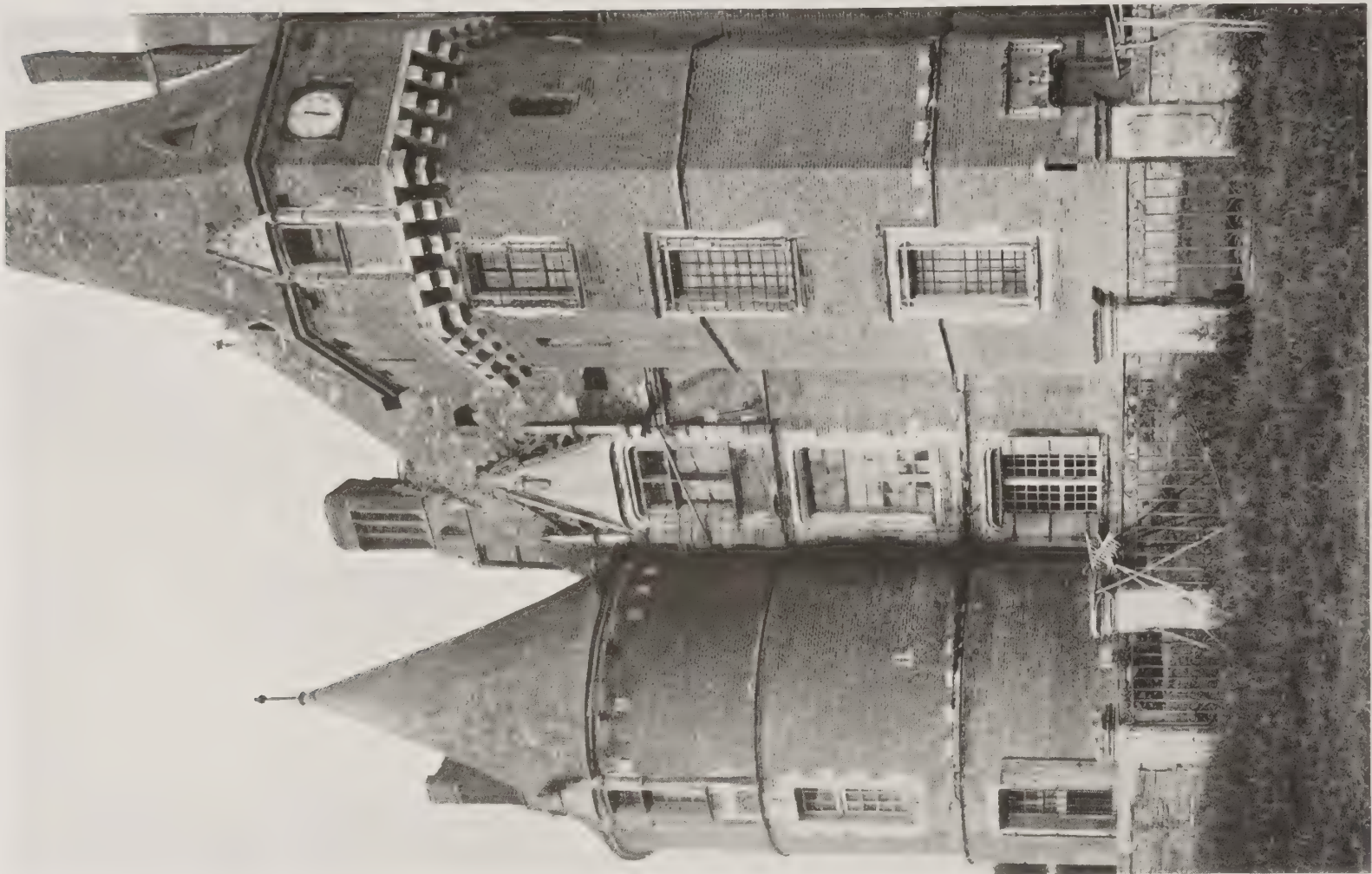


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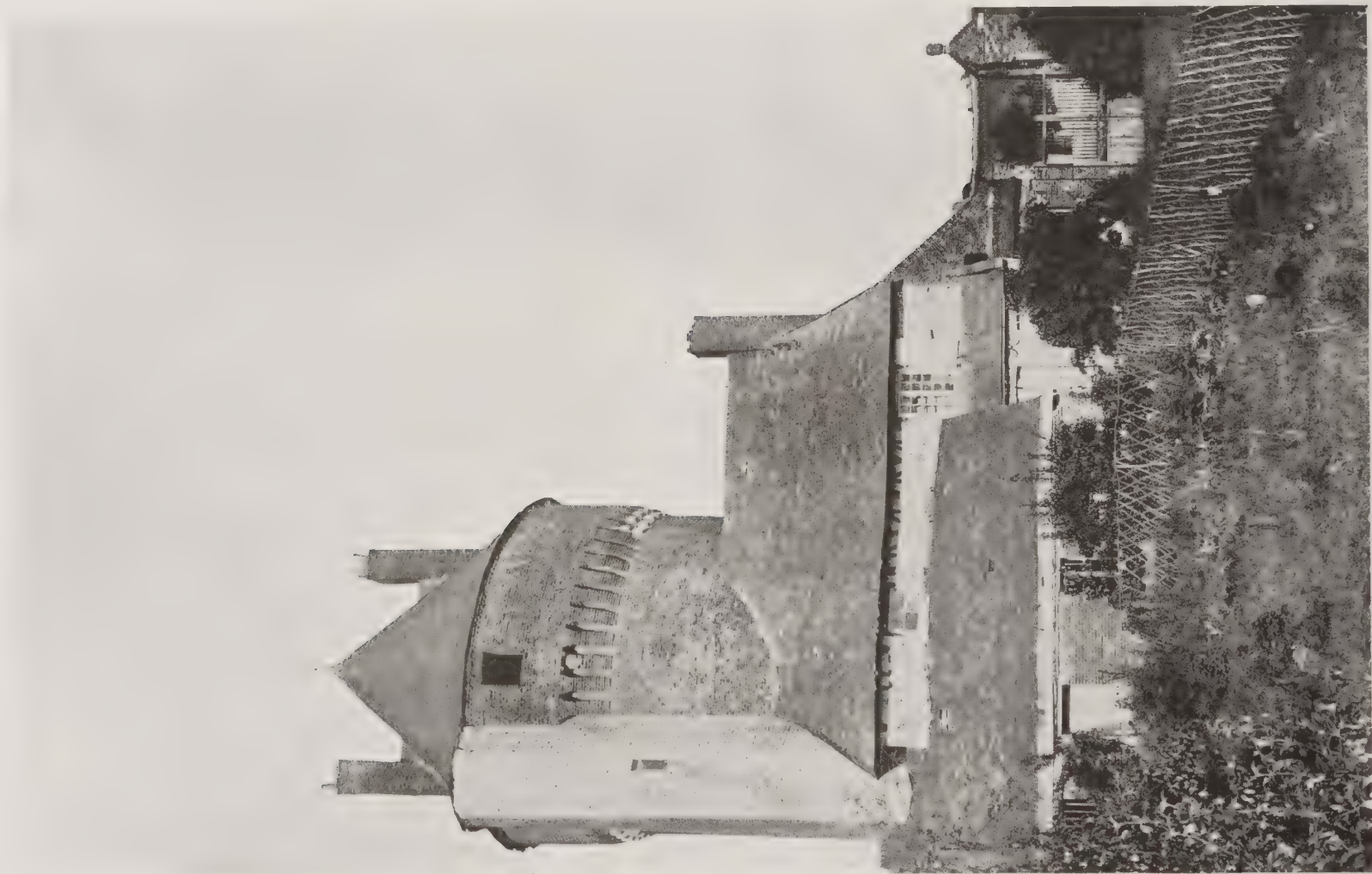


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Tower St. Legeaux Bois near Blangy — Normandy



Chateau, Epreville — Martainville

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Old House — Avranches



Old House — Avranches



Street Scene — Dinan



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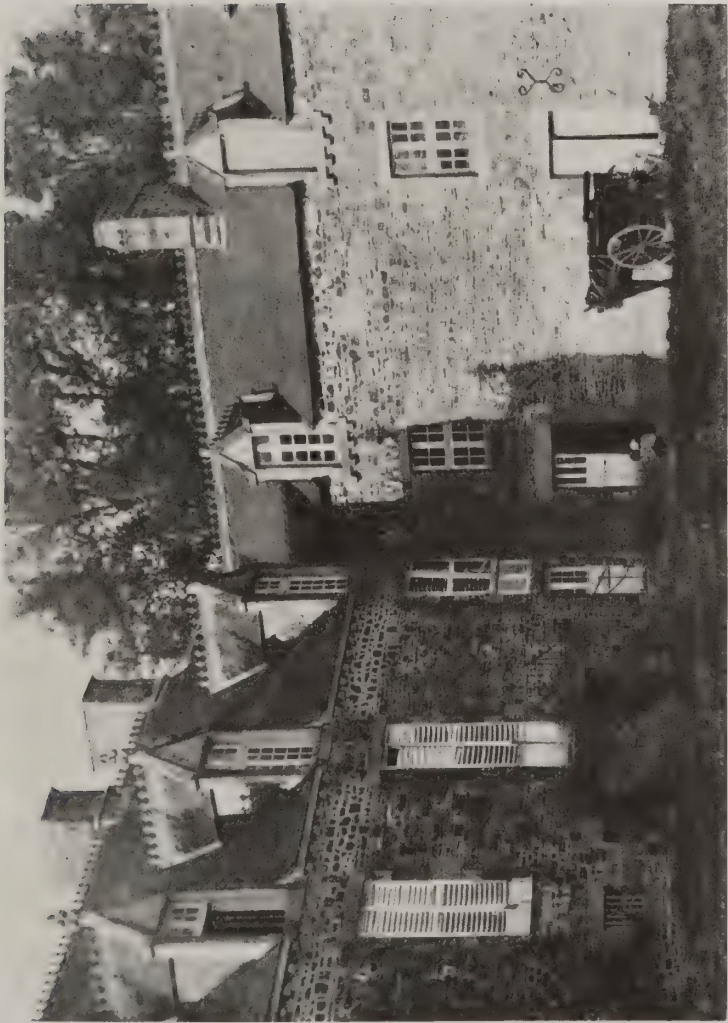
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Small Chateau — Normandy
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Chateau Fumichon — Calvados. (16th century)



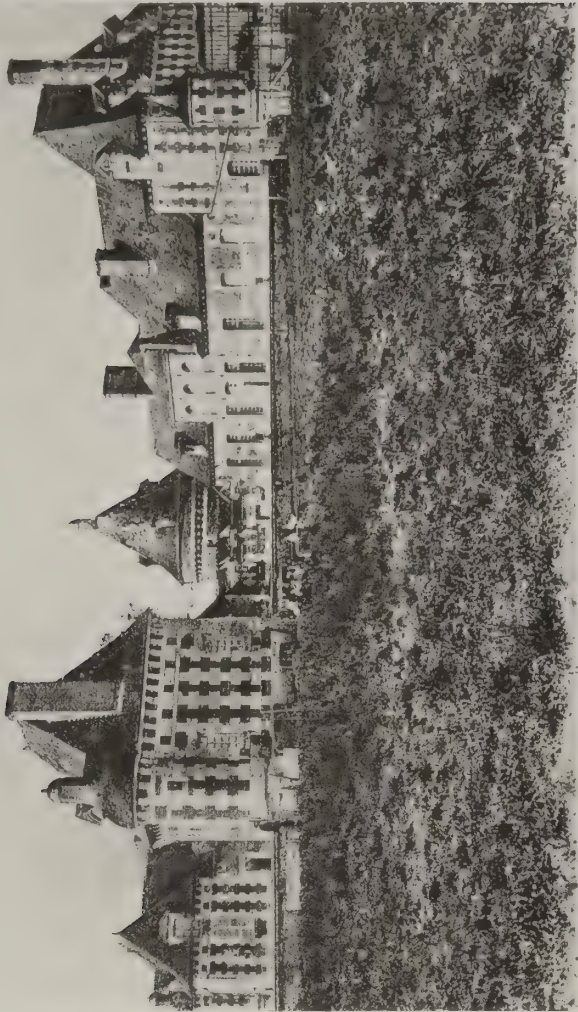
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Chateau Fumichon — Calvados



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Farm House — Acquigny



Inn Yard, Beaumont-le-Roger — Normandy

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Inn Yard, Beaumont-le-Roger — Normandy



Abbey, Ancien Prieure de Lehon, Le Gloitre,
—Dinan. 8th Century



Abbey, Ancien Prieure de Lehon, Le Gloitre — Dinan



Court Yard — Dinan



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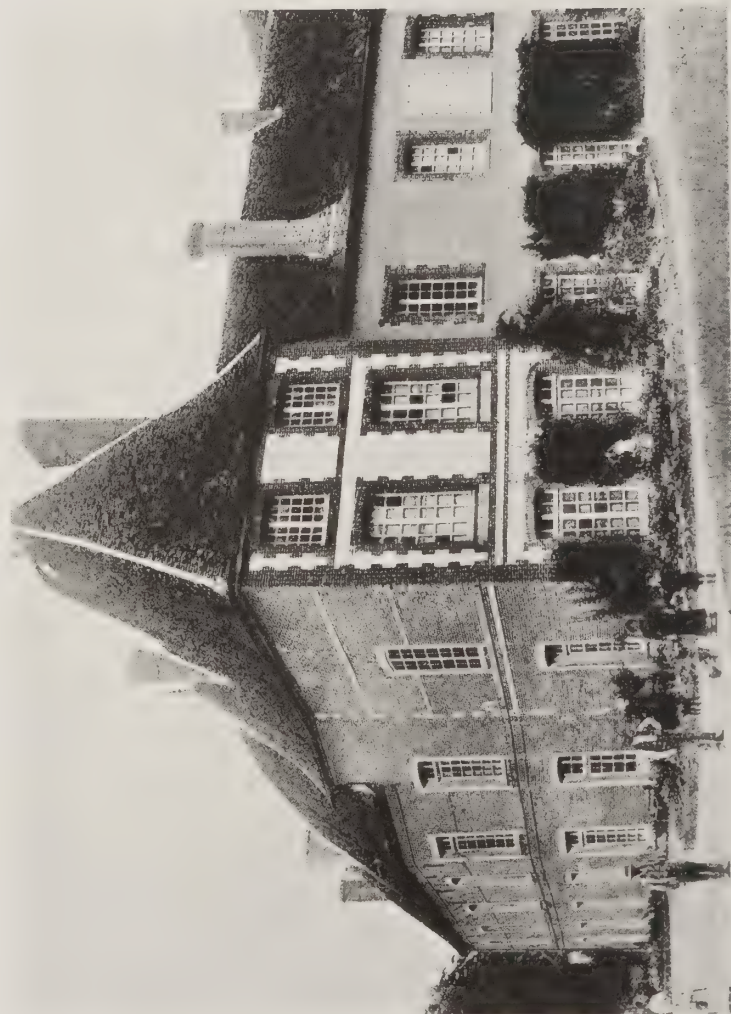
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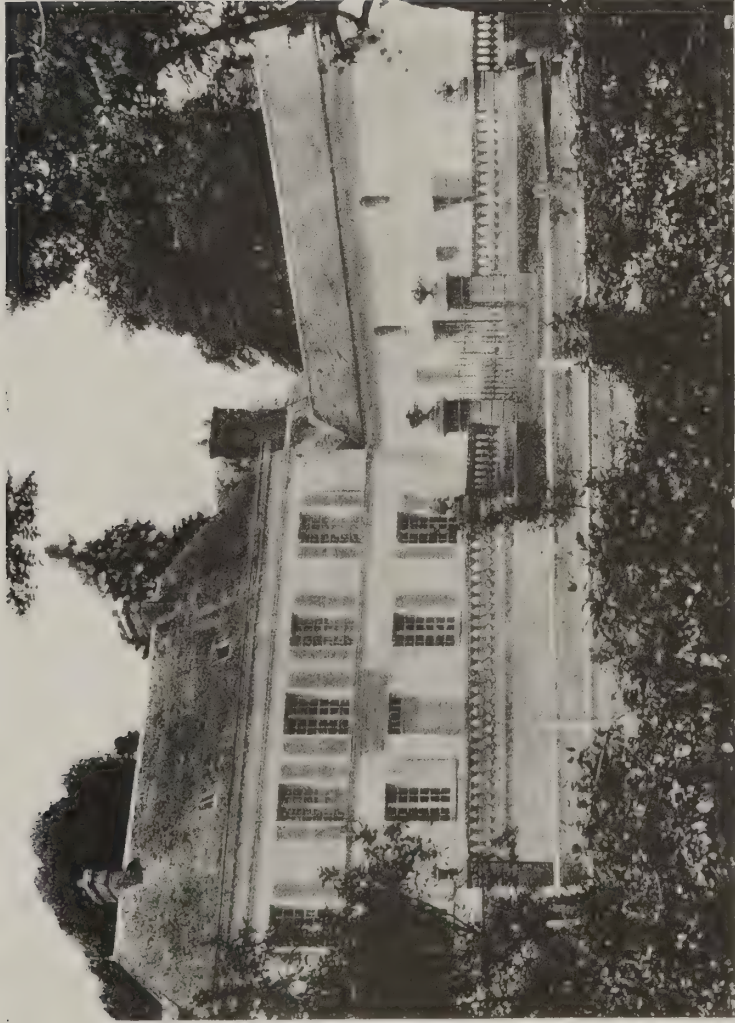
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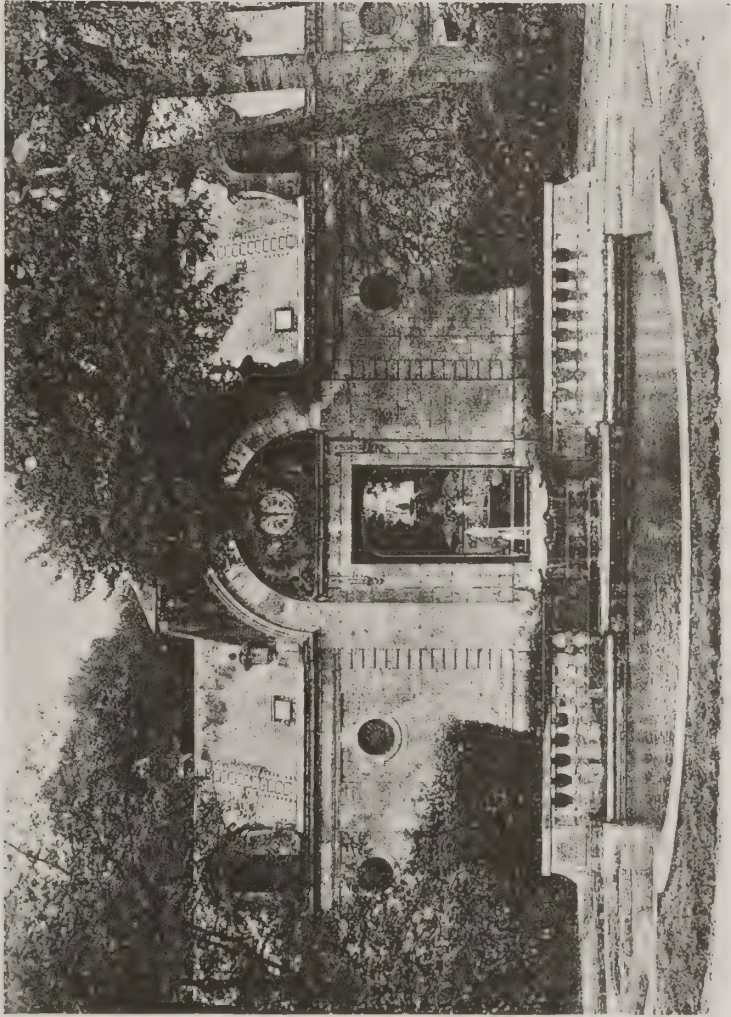
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Garden, Chateau Bizy — Vernon



Street — Mantes



Farm House — Touraine

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Chateau Beaumont-Le-Roger — Normandy



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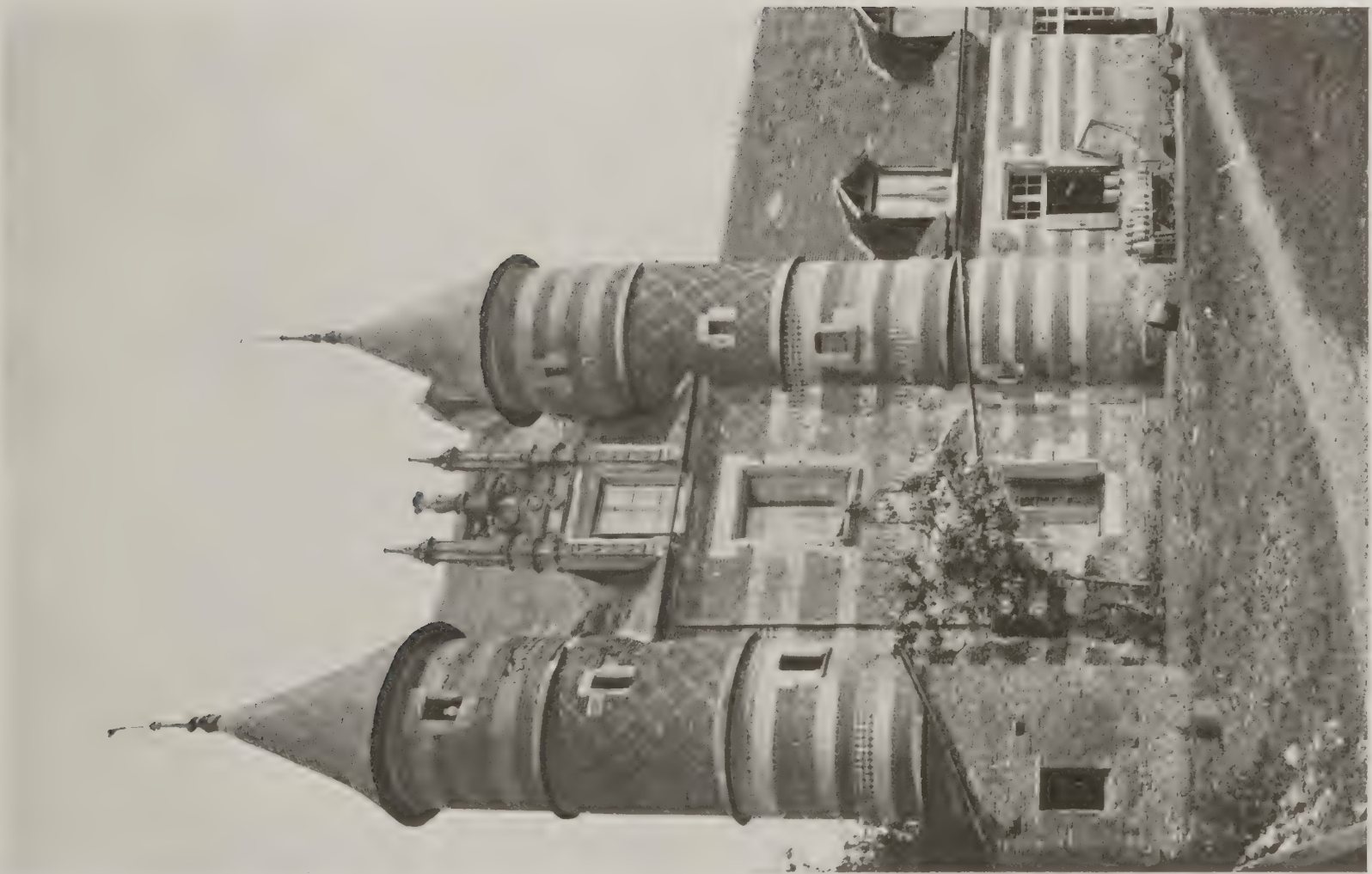


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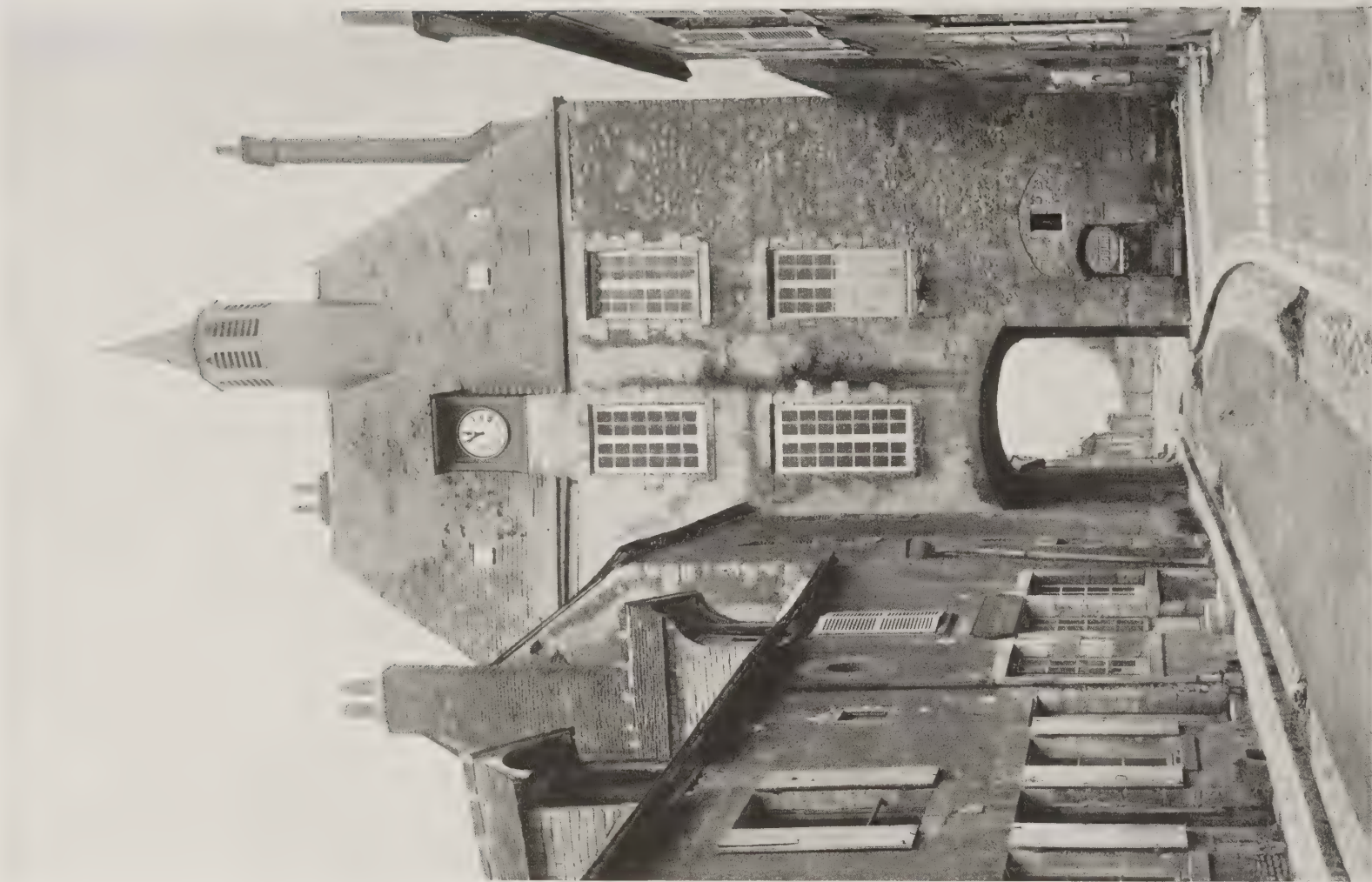
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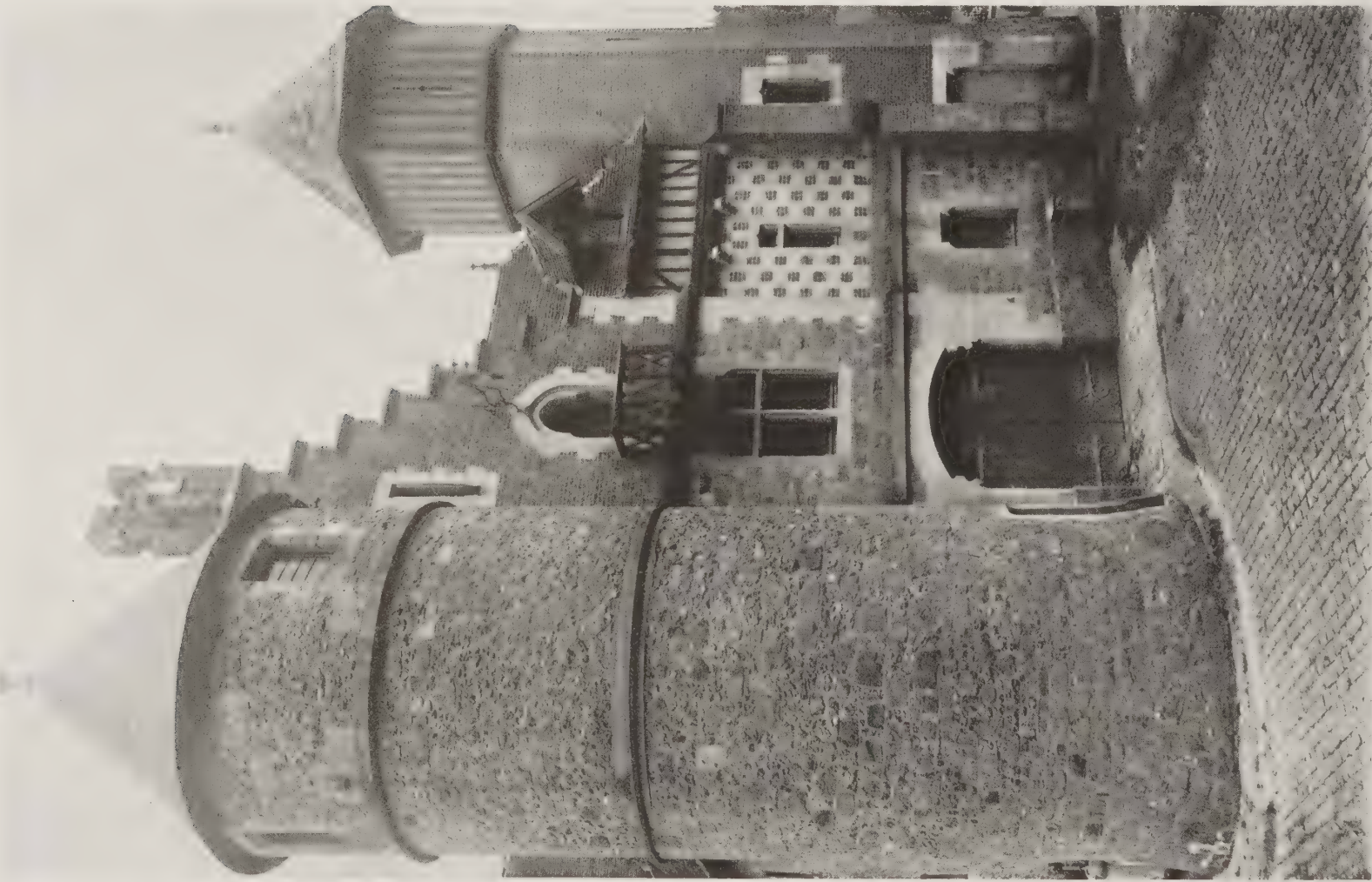


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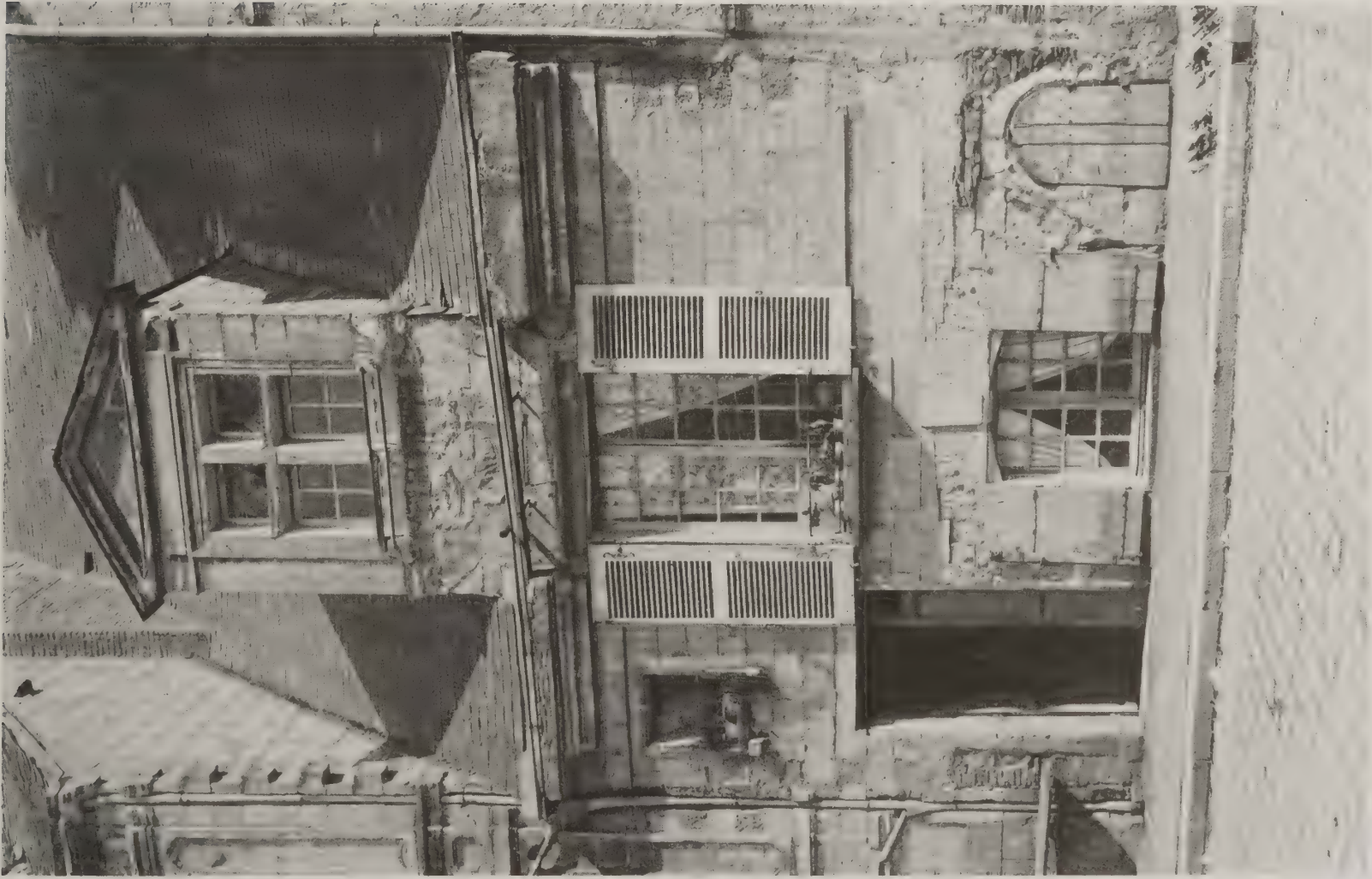


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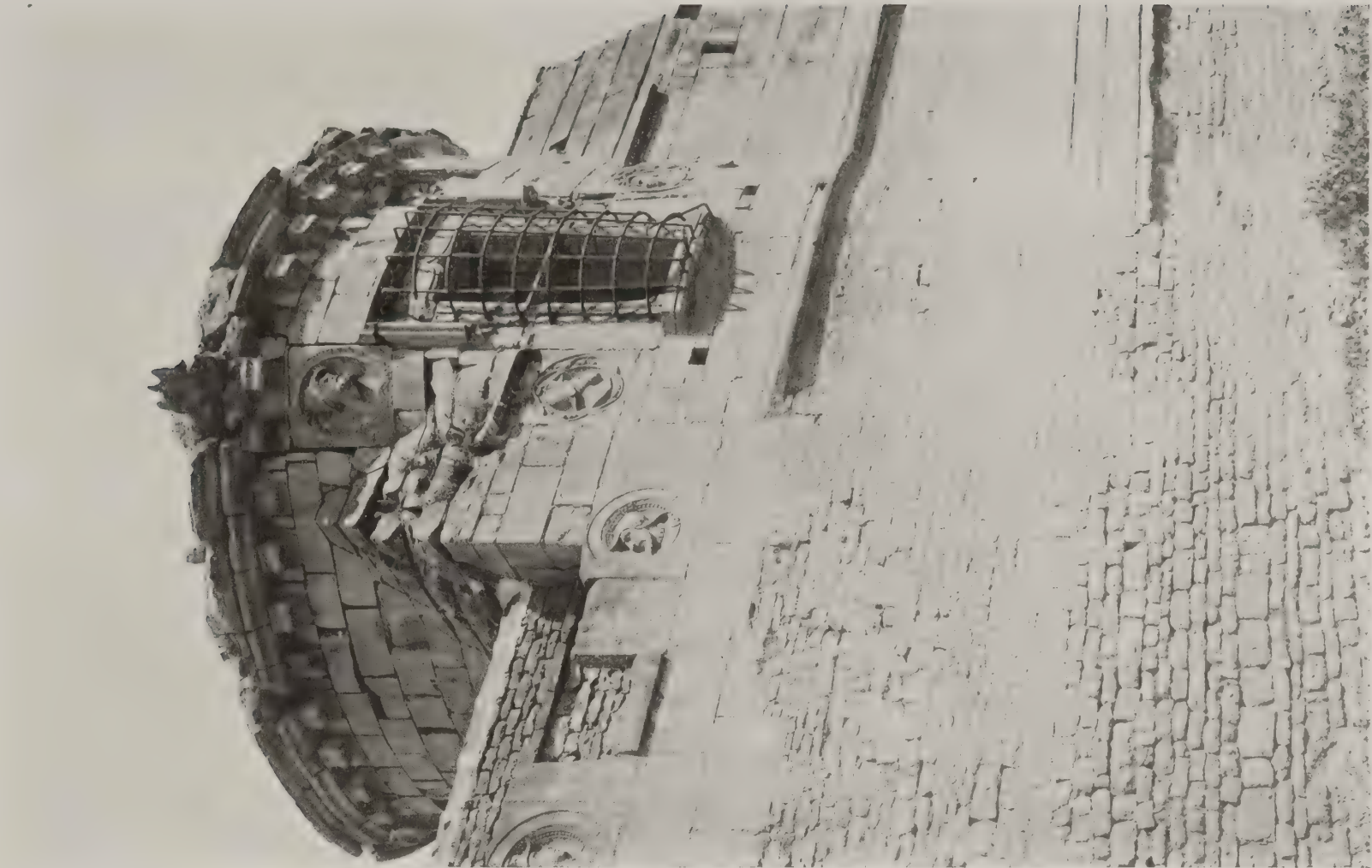
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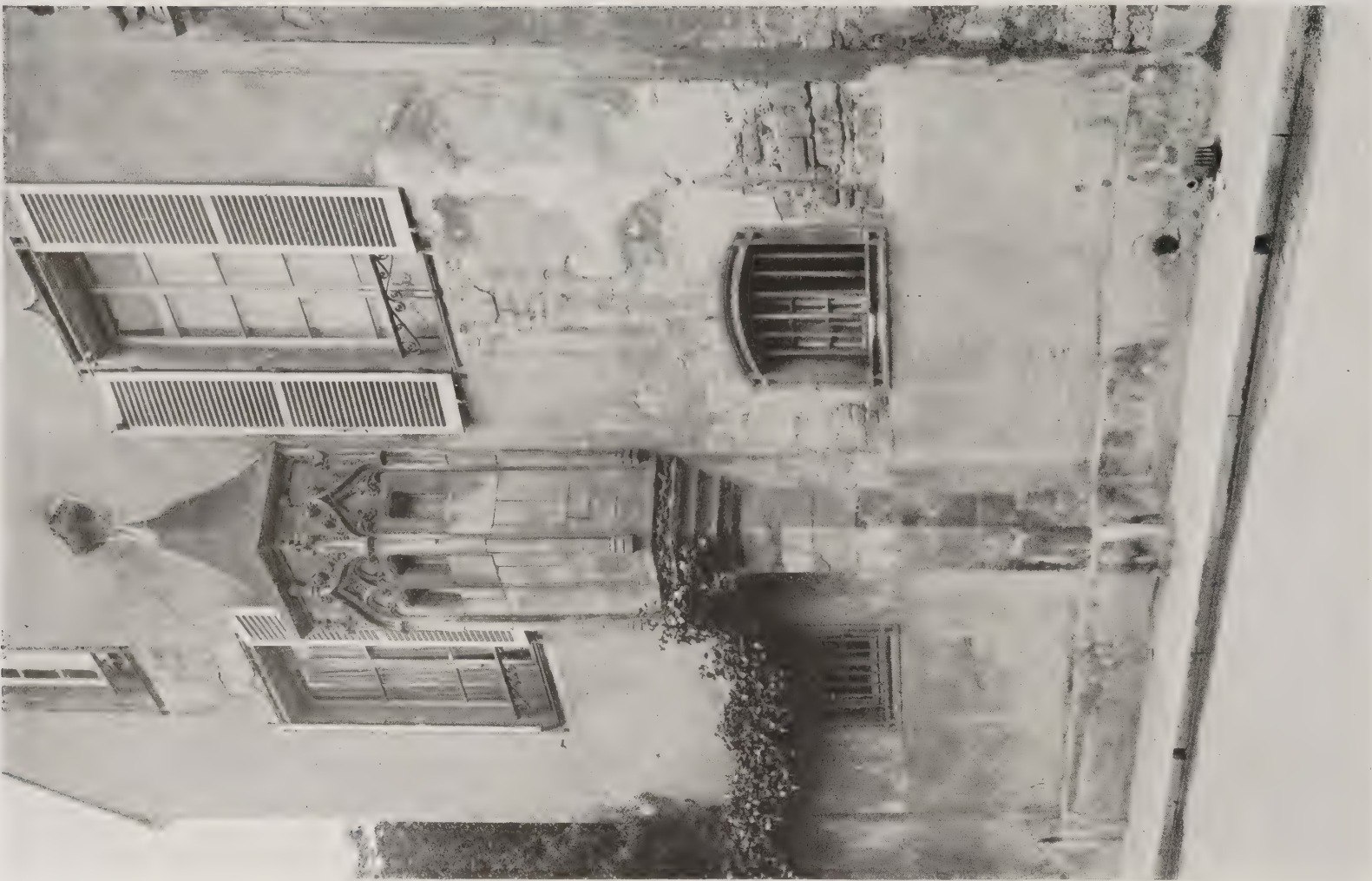


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Stone Wall and Tower, Caen — Normandy

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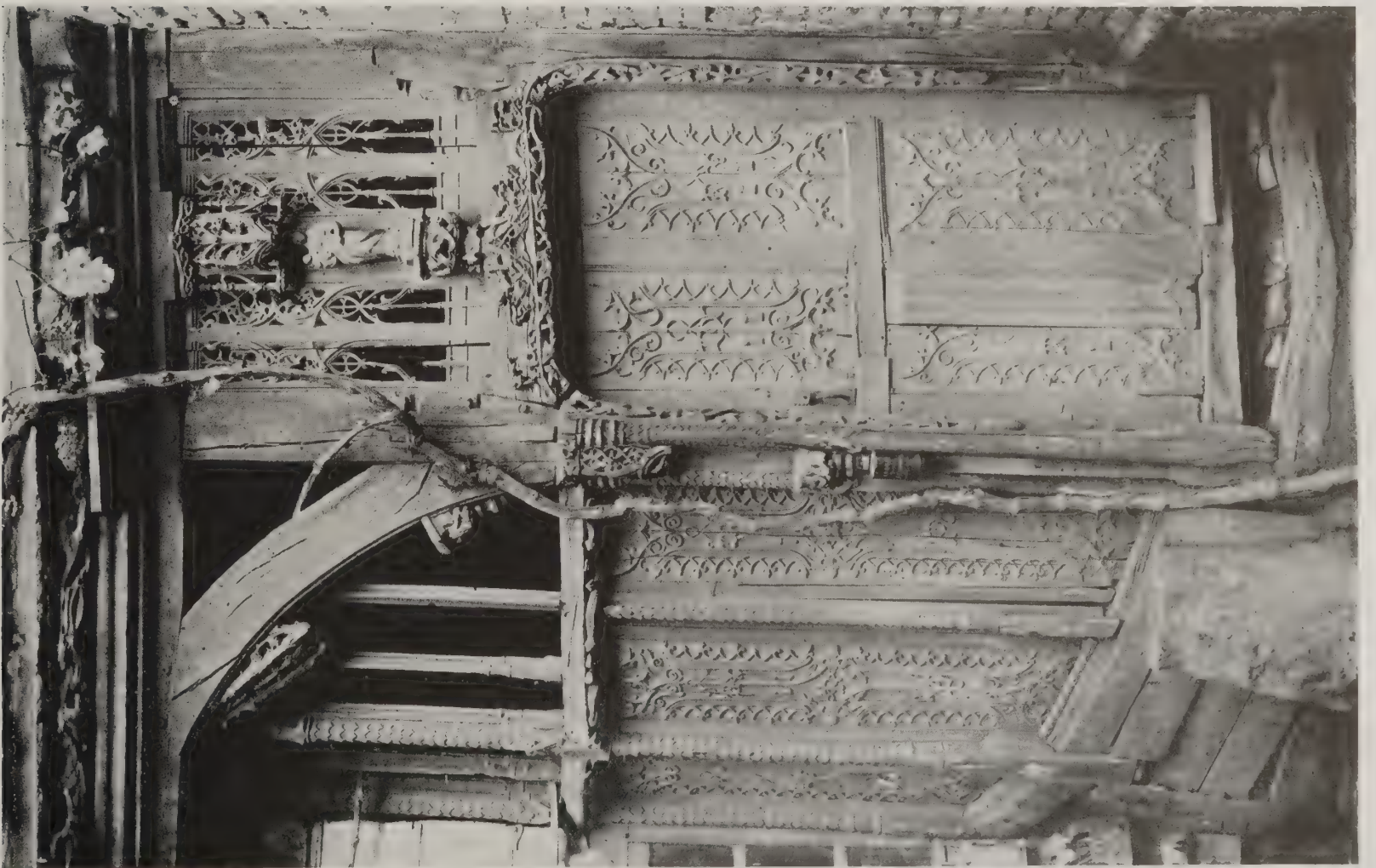
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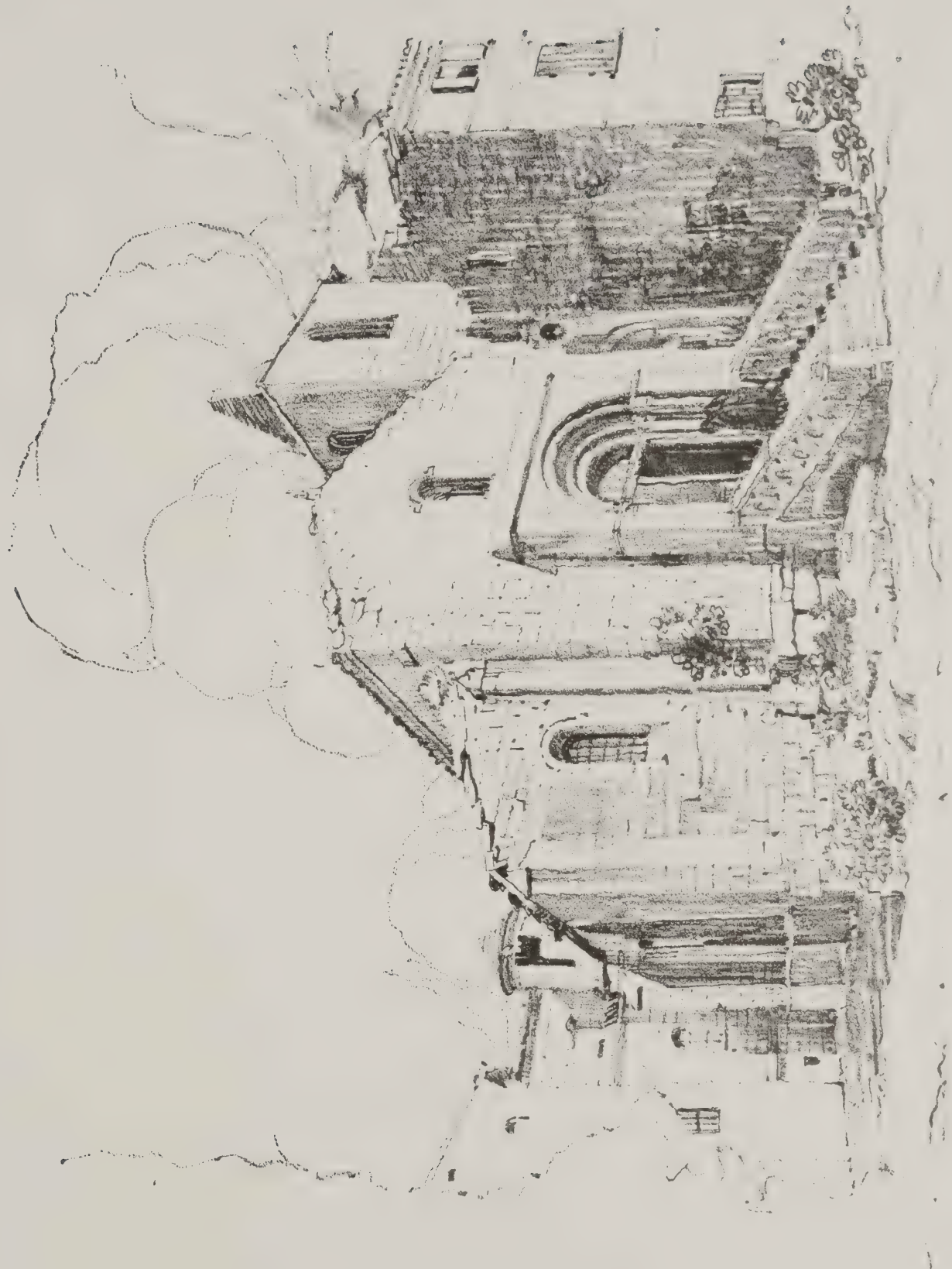
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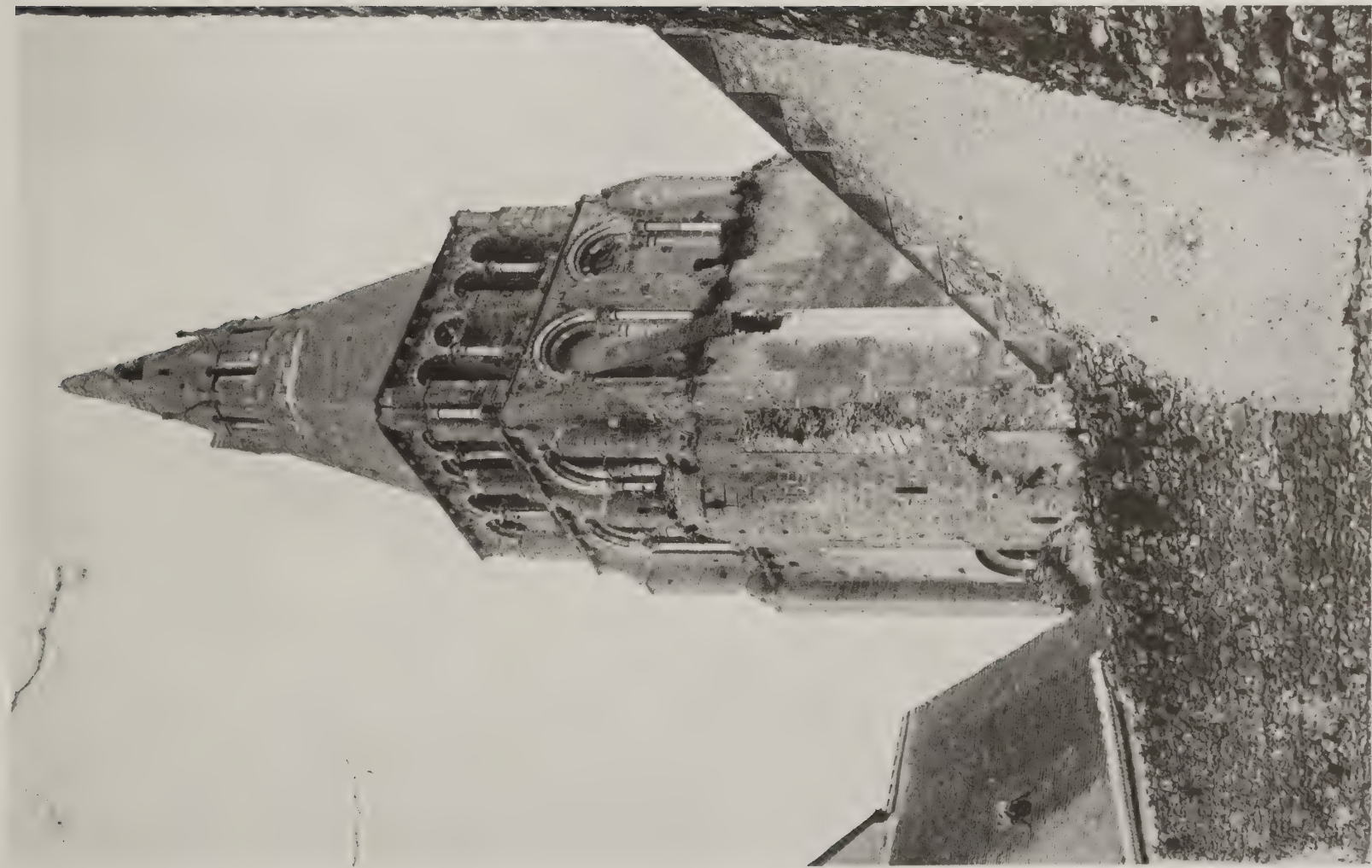


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Abbey Cormery near Tours — Normandy



Church near Lisieux — Normandy



Church near Lisieux — Normandy



Church near Bernay



Church near Bernay



Church near Bernay



Church in Coutances



Church in Normandy



Church near Lisieux — Normandy



Abbey d'Ardennes—Normandy

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Abbey d'Ardennes—Normandy

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Abbey d'Ardennes, Pavillion Entrance Gate, 13th Century



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Church, St. Ours, Loches—Normandy



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